

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Aaron Camfield VAS358

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#): This is a 30-page file, but, unfortunately, the vast majority of the pages are illegible as posted. The illegible pages include affidavits by John Nail, Edward Booker, Samuel Cobbs and R. K. Meade.]

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State of Georgia:

Superior Court

Elbert County:

October Term 1814 [??]

This day William S Price of this County being lawfully sworn in open Court on his oath saith – that he was acquainted before and during the Revolutionary War, with the person and military services of Henry Aimes of the fifth Virginia Continental Regiment. This Henry Aimes went with the said service commanding as a Captain in the Spring of 1776 for three years. At that time the deponent lived in Henry County in Virginia he has just and good Reasons to believe that the said Henry Aimes regularly continued in the said Continental service until somewhere about the end of the war, and this deponent [indecipherable word] on his oath believes that the said Henry Aimes rose whilst he was in the said Continental Service to the grade of a Colonel, he was generally known and stated as [text too faint to discern] believed [text too faint to discern] That he had rose to that rank in the Continental Service—very shortly after the war Colonel Aimes removed to Georgia and this deponent has ever understood died in Liberty County in that State a few years afterwards. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the 17th day of October 1814

S/ Wm S. Price



Test:

S/ Wm Woods, Clk

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] indexed under the name Henry Aimes

[pp 8-9: John H. Smith, Commissioner, filed a report dated April 1st, 1834 on this application but the images of it posted are completely illegible but for his signature and the date of his report and the following notes at the end of it:–

Note. See the transcript from Campbell County in the case of Captain Camfield. Colonel Aimes' name does not appear in the Army Register or rolls of the Army.]

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State of Mississippi, Monroe County

Being informed that the Heirs of Aaron Camfield & Henry Aimes state, that John Nail of the County of Monroe, has heretofore given testimony about the services of their Father's in the Revolutionary War, in the Virginia Continental Line, which claims are said to be undecided & request the undersigned to state what he knows about the said John Nail.: Therefore I, David W Wright, Judge of the High Court of Errors & Appeals, of the State of Mississippi, do, on my official responsibility, certify, that John Nail aforesaid has been well known to me for the last 11 or 12 years –: He is highly respectable; & no other man of the same name he believes, resides in Monroe County: & as a member of said court, or as an individual, would believe anything he would say, either on his oath, or by mere statement; & that from information commanding his belief, have no doubts, he was a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

Given under my hand & seal this 8th day of April 1835

S/ D. W. Wright

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To his Excellency John Floyd
Governor of Virginia

Your petitioner, Richard Camfield of Shelby County in the State of Tennessee, only heir at law of Aaron Camfield, late a Captain in the Continental line of Virginia on state establishment, represents that his father the said Aaron Camfield entered the service in the said line on the 12th day of March 1776 in Captain Henry Terrell's Company as a soldier, that shortly afterwards he was made in some in the room of the Ensign who died (Robert Watkins). The first Lieutenant John Goggin died and Thomas McReynolds the 2nd Lieutenant was promoted to first and the said Camfield to 2nd Lieutenant. Afterwards Captain Terrell was promoted to Major Michael Reynolds to Captain and Camfield to first Lieutenant and after they had been in service three years, or some more, make the rentals left the service in consequence of a wound, and Camfield was made Captain and served as such until he was so badly wounded that he was permitted to retire as an invalid, after the battle of Guilford in 1781 [March 15, 1781. Neither your petitioner's father, nor himself has received any part of the bounty land allowed by law; he therefore prays that your Excellency will grant an order on the Register for a warrant for the amount of land to which he is entitled, and he will pray &c

S/ Richard Camfield
heir of Aaron Camfield
by his attorney

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The State of Alabama Marion County

February Session of the County Court 1834

At a regular term for the sitting of this Court appointed by law Cornelius Dabney of Laurens County, Robert Adams and Richard K Meade of Pickens County in the State of Alabama and John Nail of Monroe County in the State of Mississippi came into open court, all of whom was first lawfully sworn true statements to make and true answers to give, to all lawful questions, which might be asked them or any of them by the Court, and the said persons having been by the Court interrogated generally, as to their knowledge of facts, about the services of Aaron Camfield in the revolutionary war, on their oath saith. That they were well acquainted with Aaron

Camfield of Bedford County Virginia, before, during & since the revolutionary war and affiants aver, that in the forepart of the year 1776, Camfield went into the Continental Service in Captain Harry or Henry Terrell's company for three years, in the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Adam or Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens], Robert Watkins was the first Ensign in this company, but shortly after marching he became sick and unable for duty, Aaron Camfield was appointed Ensign in his stead, by brevet, Watkins died at or about Norfolk in a short time so the command of Ensign was finally and fully confirmed in Camfield, George Goggin died in the Army not long afterwards, commanding as first Lieutenant in this Company. Thomas McReynolds was the second Lieutenant in the same, who on Goggin's death, rose to the first lieutenancy, and Camfield to the second, Captain Terrell before the expiration of his three years, rose to the command of Battalion, McReynolds to the captaincy and Camfield to the first lieutenancy, McReynolds, by a ball from the enemy (it is believed at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]) had his thigh broke just above his hip joint which disabled him from active duty for some time after his three years expired, left the Army and affiant Meade with him, so Camfield regularly rose to the full command of this Company. Because of the vacancies mentioned and because that Camfield on his first three years being finished – did reengage in this service and command, for five years or during that war and for these causes these affiants all agree as own their oaths they all believe, that Camfield was (at the end of McReynolds service aforesaid), commissioned a full Captain. In some battle, it is believed at Germantown [October 4, 1777], or Monmouth [June 28, 1778] rather Camfield and McReynolds' Company was under General Scott's command, he was wounded deeply on the side of the breast, but he got on duty reasonably soon. Affiants consulting each other and their own recollections about this matter maturely believe firmly that affiants Nail and Adams were under Camfield's command as Captain at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], and it is believed that battle [indecipherable word or words] that Camfield's Company formed a part of the Virginia Continental's commanded by Huger. This Brigade finished the fight, in which Captain Camfield got wounded more, near his old wound, and deeper, it seemed to afflict him inwardly like the Consumption beside the exterior wound. He lingered sometime in the Army, and finally was permitted to retire an invalid or a supernumerary officer until he might get well. He joined the Army no more as these affiants know of. They saw him after the war in Bedford County Virginia, he never recovered his wound and these affiants believed it was the immediate cause of his death at last.

Question by the court 1st How long did Captain Camfield serve in the Virginia Continental line, was or was not, his service continued or successive or was it broken and at what intervals, was he or was he not ever, for any cause, cashiered or superseded. # Answer. This Captain Camfield served in the Virginia line on Continental establishment from March 1776 until March 1779, three successive years, as Ensign and Lieutenant and after that he served successively as Captain in the same service a few more than two years, then he left the Army because of his wound as an invalid or supernumerary officer. He was never cashiered or superseded.

Question 2nd It is the duty and the business of this Court so to inquire and sift this matter, as to be of fully satisfied or not of all the real facts, you speak of times, places, persons, battles and wounds, on your several oaths, what are your reasons for all these assertions. #Answer. Meade, Adams and Nail marched into the Virginia Continental service from Bedford Courthouse Virginia (and Dabney in the company commanded by Captain Cheavis [?]¹) at the same time in

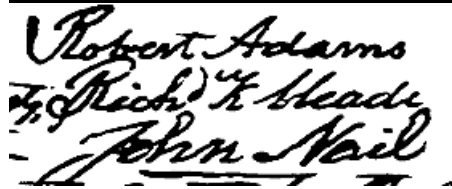
the same service, and in the same Company to wit Captain Terrell's, as did this Aaron Camfield, all of us served in the same Regiment, and three of us, in the same Company, under his command as before stated, three years. Then affiant Meade left the Army and says no more. Then Adams and Nail continued to serve under Camfield as full Captain up to Guilford battle, two years more, and Dabney being also in the same Regiment also knows that fact because of his last one at that battle, retired as a supernumerary officer, as stated before. We have on oaths stated that only which we had every opportunity to know, and that which a free conference now here for several days, satisfies our minds is strictly correct. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the 3rd day of February 1834.

S/ Cornelius Dabney

S/ Robert Adams

S/ Rich'd K. Meade

S/ John Nail

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cornelius Dabney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.Three handwritten signatures in cursive script stacked vertically. The top signature reads "Robert Adams", the middle one reads "Rich'd K. Meade", and the bottom one reads "John Nail". Each signature is written in black ink.

[Note: the claim of the heirs of Henry Aimes along with the claim of the heirs of Aaron Camfield were rejected by the Governor of Virginia.]