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Bounty Land Warrant of Richard Campbell BLWt347-450
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Virginia, Frederick County May 15th 1805

Sir, About three years since, I lodged a claim in your office, for a military Tract of Land, in the name of the Heirs of Lt. Col. Richard Campbell dec'd. Mr. John Campbell, the son of the dec'd. has requested my statement of the matter as essential to his obtaining the warrant which he desires. At the request of this gentleman I declare, that I knew Richard Campbell as a Captain in the Virginia continental reg't commanded by the present Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], that I afterwards knew him as Lt. Col. Campbell & that in such grade, he marched to Carolina with the Virginia line. That from the acc't. given of the battle of the eutaw springs in Carolina [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], & from the relation of officers engaged in that affair, Col Campbell fell in the most gallant manner in the act of leading the Virg'a. line to a charge & that the present Mr. John Campbell of Berkeley County Virg'a. has always been considered as his son of legal birth – with the highest sentiments of respect & regard

I am Sir your ob't se't
John Smith

[The following are among the [bounty-land claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Additional documents are illegible in the online version and are not transcribed here.]

To the Governor Council of Virginia

Your Petitioner John Campbell of the State of Missouri would most respectfully represent unto your excellency that he is the only son and heir at law of Col Richard Campbell of the Revolution, your Petitioner would state that he is informed & believes that his father Richard Campbell entered the service of the Revolution some time in the year 1775 and as an officer of the Va Line and continued in the service of said line on continental establishment untill he fell in battle at the Eutaw Springs holding at the time a full commission as Lt Col. Your Petition'r would state his eldest son Archibald to whom his former grant issued fell in Battle of Saint Clairs defeat [defeat of Arthur St. Calir, 4 Nov 1791]without issue or will and that your petitioner now is the only child of Col R Campbell and the only heir to said Richard & Archibald Campbell and as such being now on busyness at Washington City, prays that the executive of shall allow him such additional bounty as is due in virtue of the services of of said Col Richard Campbell dec'd & your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

John Campbell
Sworn & Sworn & Subscribed before me in the City of Washington this 20th day of September 1837

“Two Companies of choice Riflemen have arrived at Head Quarters this week who are all well manned, commanded by Capt Campbell of Fincastle and Capt [George] Gibson of West Augusta. Capt Morgan Alexander, with his Rifle Company, is expected this day, as fine men, we hear as ever weve seen.”

The foregoing extracted from Col William Woodford's letter dated Great Bridge December 12th to the Hon'ble Edmund Pendleton Esq President of the General Convention.” The Virginia Gazette from which it is taken, is dated the 16th day of December 1775 and is in the Library of Congress.

Thos.[?] Lambert

The above is a copy of Gen. Lambert's original certificate, which is filed with the memorial of the Heirs of Col. Richard Campbell, now before the Executive [illegible name] [?] March 1840

Friday 1st March 1776.

A Warrant to John Howe for £1.5.0 for his provision as a Soldier in Capt Campbell's Company of Regulars prior to Nov last

Same to Samuel Nowell for £2.2.3 for Ditto D'o.

The foregoing is truly extracted from the Journal of the Committee of Safety

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 13 day of October 1837.

Ja's. E. Heath Aud'r

Shannandor [sic: Shenandoah County] Octob'r. 7th 1783

I do hereby Certify that Lieut Colo. Richard Campbell Entered the Service as a Captain in the 8th Virginia Reg't. in January 1776 & continued in Service without intermission until he fell in the Action at Eutaw Springs

P. Muhlenberg BG

Mr. [illegible] will please to procure the Land Warrant due Lt. Colo. Campbell

Rebecca Campbell/ Executrix for the Estate

Petition for additional bounty land

heirs of Col Richard Campbell Cont'l line.

[two illegible words] of the [two illegible words] – Richard Campbell was Captain in the 8th Reg't. August 8th 1776 (It does not appear how long before that date he was in service.) He rose to the rank of Lieut Colonel; and was kill'd in action Sept. 8th 1781. His heirs received 6000 acres of land – April 2nd 1784.

If your Excellency should allow bounty land – it should be for service as Lt Colonel from Augt 8th 1776 to the end of the war – deducting therefrom the 6000 acres of land which have been already received.

Resp'ly submitted/ [illegible]

His Excellency/ Jno. Floyd March 25th[?] 1834

Memorandum in Col Richard Campbells case

It appears that a Land Warrant for 3 years pay of Richard Campbells heir at Law issued 3rd Apl 1784. It further appears that his widow received the 7 years half pay due her because of his fall in service at the Eutaw Springs His heir at Law now petitions to have an allowance for additional bounty land due from the day his father entered the service untill the close of the war. To sustain this claim & to fix the day from whence the allowance is to commence, I find that he was in service in the month of Dec 1776 as will appear from the Journal of Council at Rich'd Campbell of the 8th Va Rig't in August preceding he was mentioned in same Journal as capt Campbell of the 8th Reg't which shews him to have been the same man – on the 1st of March 1776 two of Capt Campbells Co were paid for services prior to Nov preceding – altho the minute of the Committee of Safety does not shew him to have been the same Rich'd Campbell yet the circumstances are quite conclusive that the capt Campbell of March 1776 is the same person as Capt Campbell of August. And I therefore think the heir at Law John Campbell should be paid additional bounty commencing on the 1st Nov 1775 and continuing to the end of the war. Col Campbell died in battle at the Eutaw & his case is therefore made out.

NOTES:

The file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Richard Campbell, dated 22 Sep 1778, giving his entire estate to "Rebecca my dearly beloved wife," during her life, and after her death to be equally divided among his children.

A certificate dated 17 April 1805 in Shenandoah County states that Richard Campbell had the following children at the time of his death: "Archibald (who died without Issue) Joseph, John, Richard (who is dead) & Jonathan lately discharged from the United [States] Army, and it is also said the Joseph is dead but of this I am not certain."

[The following document is among the [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I do hereby certify that the Marriage of Joseph Pugh to Rebecca Campbell late Widow of Colo Richard Campbell dec'd was on this third day of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty five as

Certified to me by Jacob Feller who was a licenced Minister at that time by the County Court of
Shanandoah for the Purpose of Solemnizing Marriages

Shanandoah County April the 13th 1789.

Test. John Williams Ck SC

Sir Please to deliver John Williams a Warrant for what may appear to be due the late Rebecca
Campbell widow of Colo Richard Campbell dec'd for the Ballance of her Pension untill the time of her
intermarriage I am yr H'ble Serv't/ Joseph Pugh

April 13th 1789

To the auditor of Publick Accounts/ Richmond