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Pension Application of William Camp R13001

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Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Moore of Norfolk City State of Virginia by virtue of a Power of Attorney from Thomas Ash Administrator of Lieutenant William Camp of Gloucester County Virginia of the State Line of Virginia in the Revolutionary War... granting me the right of substituting an Attorney to prosecute all claims for the service in the Revolutionary War of said Lieutenant William Camp... do hereby constitute substitute and appoint Isaac N Coffin of Washington in the District of Columbia my lawful attorney and substitute to prosecute said claims either for half pay or commutation and interest under the Act of July 5<sup>th</sup> 1832, or claims for bounty land... [the rest not transcribed] [ Certified on 6 Feb 1852 by William G. Camp, Justice of the Peace]

[The following in the [Bounty-Warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#) are assumed to apply to the same William Camp of Gloucester County:]

I Henry Buchanan [pension application S37807] formerly of Gloucester, but now of the county of York, and state of Virginia, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Camp of Gloucester county, who enlisted as a Sergeant in an artillery company in the continental line in the Revolutionary war in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven: very shortly after his enlistment he was stationed at York Town whilst his officers were engaged in recruiting in that neighbourhood, and remained there some time training with the troops 'till the Regiment to which he was attached was filled, when he and the whole of his Regiment marched to the norther station, where he remained in service three years or more. I distinctly remember that soon after he entered the service whilst he was stationed at York and before his march to the north, he was sent over to Gloucester with a detachment of four men in pursuit of two deserters, John and Cawber Howard whom he discovered endeavouring to make their escape in a canoe out of a creek near Robins neck, and upon their refusing to come on shore and surrender themselves when requested so to do the said William Camp shot Cawber Howard who dropped dead in the canoe and his brother, John Howard, immediately gave himself up and was carried back to York, where he was placed under a guard. He was afterwards tried by a court martial and sentenced to be whipped, but was pardoned by his commanding officer. Shortly after the said Camp entered the service, I myself enlisted in Gloucester county as a soldier, under Captain Addison Lewis, who was a recruiting officer attached to Bland's Regiment [Col. Theodorick Bland's 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons]: I enlisted in July seventeen hundred and seventy eight, joined the first Virginia Regiment of cavalry at Petersburg, early in August of that year, and from thence marched to the north, where I remained 'till December, when the regiment to which I was attached, returned to Winchester in this state; there Col. Bland resigned and Col. William Washington took command in his stead: From Winchester our Regiment marched to Fredericksburg: From thence to Augusta in Georgia, where we remained a few days and went on to Savannah where we remained during the siege of that place [24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779] after which, we returned to Augusta and took up our winter quarters: when the British besieged Charleston we were ordered to that place, and remained there till after it was surrendered to General Clinton [12 May 1780], when we returned to Halifax in North Carolina: we were next ordered to join Gen's. [Horatio] Gates at Camden, in South Carolina, and reached there just about the time the battle at that place commenced [16 Aug 1780]: Indeed, the British having been apprized of our approach met us on the way near Rugeleys Mill, where a skirmishing took place which was continued till the main battle was fought on or about the sixteenth of August seventeen hundred and eighty: From Camden we went to the Cowpens where we defeated Tarleton [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, Battle of Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781]:

From thence I was sent with a detachment of about one hundred men, as a guard over the prisoners, which we took on to Staunton: They were there transferred to another guard to be carried to Albemarle Court House, and I came on to Petersburg [one or two illegible words], where I joined Gen'l. LaFayette [sic: Lafayette's] army and remained under his command till the skirmish at Hot Water about seven miles from Williamsburg [Battle of Hot Water Plantation, 26 Jun 1781]: In that skirmish Major John Hughes was wounded and I was sent with him to Gloucester, where I was discharged about the tenth of July seventeen hundred and eighty one, having served out my three years, the term for which I enlisted. In September seventeen hundred and eighty one I again went into service, as a substitute in the Militia for Charles Brown of Gloucester, and was stationed at York Town, where I remained 'till after the surrender of the British troops, when I was discharged and returned home. I was born and raised in the county of Gloucester within a few miles of the residence of William Camp, and knew him intimately from his childhood: In the interval between the time of his entering the service and my own enlistment, and whilst he remained with his regiment at York, I saw him frequently, and have a distinct recollection of his marching to the north, where I also saw him very often during the short time that I stayed there: He was then in command as a Captain, to which he was promoted, soon after he reached the northern station, and which command I know he held till his return to Virginia, and I believe until the close of the war: He did not return from the north 'till after I got back from my Southern tour: I frequently saw and conversed with the said William Camp after his return from the north, and am quite certain that he continued in service until the end of the war. In the April of seventeen hundred and eighty two I went to sea and was taken prisoner by a British privateer [illegible word] my passage to the West Indies: I was detained on board the privateer till some time in August following, when I was sent on shore with a party of men at Currituck inlet for the purpose of helping to drive some cattle, and there made my escape and got home, after which I was no more in the service. In December seventeen hundred and eighty two I removed from Gloucester to this county, where I married on the 24<sup>th</sup> of that month, and I have resided here ever since. I have stated that I enlisted as a soldier under Captain Addison Lewis, but being in the cavalry service, I acted as trumpeter to the 5<sup>th</sup> troop for the last eighteen months previous to my being sent as a guard with prisoners to Staunton, and at the time of my leaving the regiment with that detachment I was trumpet major of the Regiment. As witness my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

*Henry, Buchanan*

I William Hogg [pension application S38040] of the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia being now in the Borough of Norfolk, do hereby Certify that I enlisted in Captain Thomas Nelsons company in the first Virginia Regiment of Infantry in the Revolutionary War in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six on the first of February. In that year about the first of August of the same year I marched with the said Nelsons company from York Town where I had been stationed and training from the time of my enlistment to Williamsburg, where our company joined the regiment and marched off to New York I was at the battles of White Plains [28 Oct 1776], Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and was in Mud fort during the whole of the siege of that place [Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777]. From Mud fort I went to Valley Forge [sic: Valley Forge] where I was discharged in the early part of February, seventeen hundred and seventy eight – and from thence shortly after returned home – from the time of my return home till the close of the War I was engaged in the Militia service in and about this County and York and frequently employed in carrying letters backwards and forwards between General Washingtons army and the French Fleet I was well acquainted with William Camp of this County who enlisted as a sergeant in an Artillery company attached to the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on continental establishment – he was stationed at Little York from the time he entered the service and remained there training with the troops till some time in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight,

when he marched with his Regiment to the North whilst the said Camp was stationed at York before his march to the North he was sent with a detachment of men from that place in pursuit of two deserters named John & Cawber Howard they were discovered endeavouring to make their escape in a canoe in Ware river or a small branch of that river which runs up into Robins neck and upon being hailed and desired to come on shore and surrender themselves and refusing to do so the said William Camp shot Cawber Howard who dropped dead in the Canoe. John Howard was then taken and carried back to York. this is a circumstance which took place very soon after I got back from the North and one that I well remember as it made a strong impression on my mind. at the time the said William Camp enlisted some time in 1777 at [illegible word] I understood he had been enlisted some months when I returned from the North and I found him in service as a sergeant at York shortly after my return he was soon after promoted to an Ensign and before his march to the North to a Lieutenant I understood that after being at the North a while he received the Commission of Captain which command he held till his return to Virginia which did not take place until after the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] I was born & raised in this County Gloucester within a short distance of the said William Camp and knew him intimately I have frequently seen and conversed with the said Camp since the War, and have a clear and distinct recollection of him I knew he was Called Captain Camp when he returned from his northern tower and I am perfectly sure he was a Captain. given under my hand and seal this 15 Day of June 1833

William hisXmark Hogg

I William Figg of the county of Gloucester, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Camp of this county. The said William Camp enlisted as a Sergeant in an artillery company in the Revolutionary war, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven on continental establishment. [illegible word] shortly after he entered the service he was stationed at York Town, and training with the troops there 'till his regiment was filled up and then he marched to the north and remained in service to the north three or four years I remember distinctly his going away and his returning after serving his tour of duty to the north, and saw him frequently after his return, which was after the siege of York. I know he continued in the service to the close of the war. whilst he was stationed at York, and before his march to the north, the said Camp was sent over to this county after two deserters, John and Cawber Howard; they were discovered in a canoe endeavouring to effect their escape out of Robin's neck, and upon their refusing to surrender themselves when trailed and directed to do so, the said Camp shot Cawber Howard, who died instantly. John Howard delivered himself up and was taken back to York. I was near the place when this circumstance occurred and saw Cawber Howard brought on there from the canoe after he was shot. Immediately after shooting Cawber Howard, the said Camp was promoted to a Lieutenant, and he marched as a Lieutenant to the north: I understood, and believe, he received the commission of a captain soon after he got to the north. I know he was called captain when he returned to Virginia, and I am certain he held that commission 'till the end of the war. I was born and raised in this county not far from where William Camp lived: I was often in York whilst the said Camp was on duty there, and have always heard him spoken of as a brave officer. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him both as an officer and a gentleman. As witness my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Wm. hisXmark Figg

[The file includes a statement by Lewis Stokes that is similar to the one by Figg. The file also includes a statement by Benjamin Marnis[?] that is difficult to read in the online copy but appears to be similar to the statement by Figg. Also in the file is part of a statement by Alexander C. Shackelford of King and Queen County, possibly pension applicant S7506.]