

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Campbell R1644

Sally Campbell

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State of Kentucky County of Muhlenberg

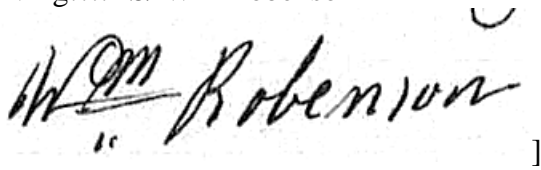
Be it known that on this day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Sally Campbell a resident of the State of Kentucky in the County of Muhlenberg aged seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows: That she is the widow of James Campbell who was a first Sergeant on the South Carolina line during the war of the revolution and was in the services at least Five years. She is of the impression that he was both in the regular & militia service. She has often heard him speak of being in the services with Colonel Williams [James Williams], Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Adair, and she is of the impression that he was under their command & of his being in the battles of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], at the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], & was in several other battles against the Tories. In consequence of her great age & her lapse of memory, she is unable at this great length of time to state the particular time of his entering & leaving the service & the time of his serving in the regular & militia services & what has become of his discharges. She well recollects of hearing him speak of his discharges being left at his father's & she has no recollection of ever seeing them and does not know what has become of them; but she does believe that he served his Country as above stated and was honorably discharged from what she has often heard stated by him & others & she refers to the record for evidence of his services and prays that the best evidence that can be produced may be received & a pension granted to her a poor widow of the revolution whose husband served his Country faithfully & was honorably discharged. She further declares that she was married to the said James Campbell in Lincoln County North Carolina on the 19th day of March 1789 & her husband the aforesaid James Campbell died in August 1825 the day of the month not recollected. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving of the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz., at the time above stated, and she presents her true and genuine family record in the hand writing of her husband the said James Campbell which shows that she was married as stated in her Declaration & she has remained a widow ever since his death, & although she was not married during the war of the Revolution, she was married during his services in the Indian Wars and was with him herself in an engagement with the Indians near the Crab Orchard in the State of Kentucky in the year seventeen and__ in which engagement my husband the said James Campbell had the lock of his gun & his thumb shot off with a ball from the Indians, and at the same time her brother William

McCord was shot through the arm and one of her aunts was killed & another taken prisoner & remained as such for 3 years, all of the above she knows of her own personal knowledge, and she does not most humbly prays that a pension may be granted her under the Act of the 7th of July 1838, & that the department recommend to Congress that a special pack the past for her benefit granting her a pension under the laws of Congress July the 4th 1836, all of which she does most respectfully submit.

Given under my hand this 1st day of January 1840 [the month and day of the month is very faint as is the signature of the applicant.]

S/ Sally Campbell, X her mark

[p 11: On May 31, 1854 in Muhlenberg County Kentucky, a power of attorney was signed by William Robertson, an "heir of James Campbell deceased my wife being a Campbell and still living...." S/ Wm Robenson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Robertson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There is a small mark above the "m" in "Robertson" and a small mark below the "m" in "Wm". The signature is enclosed in a pair of square brackets, with the closing bracket on the right side.