

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Campbell S10436

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The State of Alabama Autauga County: On this 23rd day of June 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Henly Brown Judge of the County Court of said County now sitting George Campbell a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted into the service in Orangeburg District in the State of South Carolina sometime in the year 1776 or 1777 and that he was attached to and served in the company commanded by Captain Gerson Tilley in the Regiment commanded by [Lt.] Colonel Charles Heatley and that he served two tours of one month each but was in no battle nor was he attached to any part of the Continental Army during said service.

That sometime in the year 1778 or 1779 he was drafted into the service of the United States and attached to the company commanded by Captain John Oliver under Major Beams that he served a tour of three months and was attached to the part of the Continental Army commanded by General Moultrie [William Moultrie], that he was first marched to Beauford Island [Beaufort Island] and then returned to Orangeburg and then marched to Black Swamp on Savannah River and from thence to Purrisburg and from Purrisburg to Coosawhatchie where he was in the battle with the British.¹ The detachment of the American Army in said battle was commanded by Colonel John Laurens from thence he was marched to Charleston from thence was detached to Orangeburg and returned to the quarter house about five miles from Charleston where he was discharged.

He was again drafted into the service at Orangeburg a few months after his last mentioned discharge and served in the company commanded by Captain Reid [William Reid] and was marched from Orangeburg to Wright Bluff² on Santee River where we received the intelligence of the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] when we dispersed. ~~In addition to the above regular service he was frequently engaged in sundry parties against the Tories so as to occupy the greater part of his time.~~

On or about the 15th of May 1781 he enlisted in the State troops of South Carolina under Captain William Reid commanded by Colonel Charles S Middleton [Charles Myddleton] and

¹ May 4, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/coosawhatchie.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_coosawhatchie.html (the later site dates the engagement as occurring on May 3, 1779)

² Fort Watson was located on Wright's Bluff <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/watson.htm>

General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] and continued until the close of the War say the 1st day of December 1781; that he was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs³ under the command of Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] and was also in a skirmish on the waters of Edisto River. That during this service under General Sumter he was sometimes with General Lee [sic, Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee "Light Horse Harry" Lee] sometimes with General Green [Nathanael Greene] and sometimes with Colonel Washington [William Washington]. That he knew Generals Greene, Lee, Sumter and Marion [Francis Marion], under each of whom he served, he was also under General Marion and Colonel Lee at the taking of Fort Motte⁴. That during the whole of his service in the State troops he was orderly Sergeant of the company to which he belonged. That he served in a military and not a civil capacity. And that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

Q. 1. Where and in what year were you born?

A. On the 18th day of October 1759 in Orangeburg district South Carolina

Q. 2. Have you any record of your age and where is it?

A. I have a record of my age is now in my possession

Q. 3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

A. I was living in Orangeburg District in South Carolina when called into service. I continued to live in the same district until the year 1827 when I removed to Autauga County in the State of Alabama where I now live.

Q. 4. How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

A. I was three [times] drafted, I served as a substitute one month for my brother Benjamin Campbell. I frequently volunteered in scouting parties against the Tories and I enlisted in the service in the State Troops as before stated.

Q 5. State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service?

A. I have done so in the foregoing statement and declaration.

Q 6. Did you serve and a civil or military capacity?

A. I served in a military capacity principally as an orderly Sergeant.

Q. 6 [sic] Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. At the close of the war there was no General Officer present to give a regular discharge. Captain Isaac Ross under whom I then served, gave a discharge which is since lost.

Q. 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

A. They who are now present, to sign the requisite certificate, our Joseph Segrist, a clergyman and Lewis Huffman.

³ September 8, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁴ May 8-12, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/motte.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fort_motte.html

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Geo. Campbell



Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Goffe, Clk

[Jacob Segrist , a clergyman, and Lewis Huffman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama County of Autauga: SS

On this 27th day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Harley Brown Judge of the County Court of said County George Campbell a resident of Autauga County in the State of Alabama aged seventy-four years the 18th day of October last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted into the service of the United States in Orangeburg district in the State of South Carolina on the first day of January 1779 and that he was attached to and served in the Company commanded by Captain Gerson Kelley [sic, Gerson Tilley] belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Heatley stationed at Orangeburg and that he marched from Orangeburg to Port Royal or Beaufort's Island in the State of South Carolina where he arrived a few days after the battle between General Moultrie commander of the American forces and Major Gardiner commander of the British forces at that place.⁵ And that after remaining at Beaufort about one month he marched to Orangeburg after 2 or 3 days marched to black swamp under the command of Captain John Oliver of the detachment of troops commanded by Colonel Keating Simmons [Keating Simons] and joined the Army under General Moultrie; from black swamp he marched to Purrysburg under the command of Colonel Henderson of the Continental Army when he was placed under the command of Lieutenant Colonel McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh]. When the British Army under the command of General Prevost [Augustine Prevost] crossed the Savannah River at Purrysburg Colonel McIntosh retreated to Tulifenny bridge [Tulfinny Bridge⁶] where we joined General Moultrie. That he was in in the battle of Coosawhatchie Bridge under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John Laurens. After the battle of Coosawhatchie the American forces under General Moultrie retreated to Charleston where we arrived on the 9th Day of May 1779 where we were joined by the troops under the command of Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge] and Colonel Hanes and also by General Count Pulaski with the troops under his command. The British Army advanced and made dispositions as if to commence an attack, several flags pass between the 2 armies and about the 12th or 13th day of May the British Army retreated. After the retreat of the British Army he was sent with a detachment to Orangeburg to aid in conveying provisions to General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army encamped at Bacon's bridge on Ashley River; after the performance of this service he was marched to the ten mile house and from thence to the quarter house where the

⁵ This is probably a reference to the engagement on February 3, 1779

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_port_royal_island_2.html

⁶ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/tullifinnyhill.htm>

Regiment to which he belonged was encamped, when and where he was discharged on the 10th of June having served the full time for which he was drafted including one month for which he served as a substitute for his brother Benjamin Campbell.

On the first day of April 1780 he entered the service as a volunteer in a troop of horse commanded by Captain William Reid and marched to Wright's Bluff on Santee River where he remained until the 15th day of May when in the receipt of the news of the fall of Charleston he was discharged and returned home.

On the first day of May 1781 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under General Francis Marion he was at the siege of Fort Motte which was taken on the 12th day of the month and on the 15th day of the said month of May he enlisted in the State troops of South Carolina under Captain William Reid of the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles S Myddleton who belonged to General Sumter's Brigade. In the month of June he was detached with the troops sent to harass the British Army under the command of Lord Rawdon at that time marching to Ninety Six. He marched with General Sumter and General Marion to Moncks Corner and Dorchester and was with General Sumter at the attack on the British Garrison at Biggins Church, when the British evacuated the Garrison at Biggins Church and retreated he was with the cavalry commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton who in company with Colonel Lee and his command came up with the British at Shubrick plantation and took their rear guard and baggage. The British crossed Qunbee Creek [Quinby Creek] where they took refuge in some houses the American Army under Sumter and Marion attacked the British and were repulsed. He continued with General Sumter's command until General Sumter joined the Army under the command of General Green and was in the battle at Eutaw Springs.

He continued in the service until after the news of the capture of Lord Cornwallis and the British Army at Yorktown and was discharged on the first of December 1781. During the whole time from the 15th of May to the first of December he served as orderly Sergeant and that during the whole of his services as above specified he served in a military and not a Civil capacity.

The said George Campbell further declares that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor has he been able to find any person who can testify to his services nor does he know of anyone now living who served with him in the State troops of South Carolina. He further declares that the written discharge which he received has long since been lost.

[note: the interrogatories were put to the applicant again and he responded substantially as set forth in his prior application.]

...

I the aforesaid George Campbell do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

S/ Geo. Campbell.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henly Brown, JCC

[Jacob Segrest, a clergyman, and Robert T Livingston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: In November 18, 1854, in Macon County Alabama, Lewis Hoffman, son-in-law of the veteran, filed a claim stating that the veteran died October 6, 1836 survived by 3 children, namely Elizabeth Hoffman (wife of Lewis Hoffman), Eliza Hoffman (wife of David Hoffman) and George A Campbell.]

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State of South Carolina Orangeburg District: to wit

On the 23rd day of October 1834, personally appeared in open Court before Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas Andrew Houser⁷ & being duly sworn says that he knew George Campbell during the Revolutionary War. Deponent saw him frequently for two years during the first part but does not [know] with what officers he then served, from the expiration of that time he Deponent, served for ten months with Campbell under Captain William Reid first and then under Captain Ross in the Regiment of Colonel Charles S Myddleton of General Thomas Sumter's Brigade. Deponent afterwards frequently saw Campbell in service under General Francis Marion for the term of 2 or 3 years, until the end of the war: and from that time Campbell resided in the District & State aforesaid until a few years since when he left here for Alabama (as this Deponent believes) During the ten months service above stated Campbell acted as Sergeant & sometimes, as this Deponent believes, as Sergeant Major. Campbell is now, if living, about seventy-five years of age.

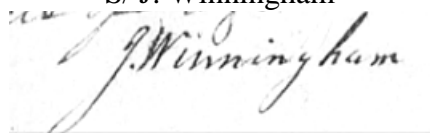
S/ Andrew Houser, A his mark

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State of South Carolina Orangeburg District: to wit

On this the 23rd day of October 1834 personally appeared before me Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions &, Pleas now sitting in open Court Joseph Winningham⁸ and made oath that he knew George Campbell during the Revolutionary War – and served with him for 10 months part of the time under Captain William Reid & the remainder of the time under Captain Ross in Colonel Charles S Myddleton's Regiment attached to General Thomas Sumter's Brigade – In the Battle of Quinby Deponent was directed to take charge of Horses – Campbell went into battle: In the Battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] the deponent & Campbell fought side-by-side: Deponent knew Campbell: that he resided in the District in State aforesaid from the close of the War until within a few years when Campbell moved to the West to Alabama (deponent believes). This Deponent believes that Campbell is now (if living) about 75 years of age.

S/ J. Winningham



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55.83 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 ½ months service in the South Carolina militia, 7 months as a private and 6 ½ months as a Sergeant.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁹ relating to George Campbell

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⁷ [Andrew Houser S21829](#)

⁸ [Joseph Winningham S9531](#)

⁹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

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[No.] 420 [Book] S No. 46

Mr. George Campbell his account of Militia duty as private before and since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to [old South Carolina] Currency

£407.10.0

Stg. [Sterling]

£58.4.3 ¼

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina

For George Campbell

Dr.

Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency

£407.10.0

Stg.

£58.4.3 ¼

Received the 17th June 1785 full Satisfaction for the account in an Indent No. 420 S

Witness

S/ John Darr

S/ George Campbell, G his mark

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 420 Book S dated June 17 1785]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent containing an endorsement by George Campbell using his mark to assign his right title and interest in the Indent to Charles Cotesworth Pinckney.]