

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Campbell S1504

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State of Tennessee }  
McNairy County }                    On this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord 1832  
Personally appeared in open court before the Justices of our court of pleas and quarter sessions  
now sitting for said County, David Campbell a resident of McNairy County in the state of  
Tennessee age seventy one years, wo 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 States that he was Born on the first day of october in the year 1761 in Chester  
County State of Pennsylvania and settled in Augusta County Va a short time before the  
Revolution Augusta County was divided [in 1778] and I fell in a new county called Rockbridge  
and on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1781 I was drafted and entered the service of the United States  
under Captain Andrew Moore Col John Boyer - and our Adjudent was John McCandless who  
was a regular soldier before that time but had returned to Rockbridge County and received the  
command of Adjudent, we Rendavoused immediately after I was drafted at a place called Red  
house in said Rockbridge County and on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1781 we took up our line of  
march and went directly on to the Blue ridge crossing the same at a place called the rock fish  
Gap [Rockfish Gap] and marched directly on to Fredricksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] Va. at  
Fredricsburgh we joined the militia of Augusta & Rockinham [sic: Rockingham] Counties who  
were commanded by Col. William Boyer. we then marched in the vicinity of Richmond where we  
joined Gen'l. Mullinburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Army. Said Mullinburg belonged to the  
Regular Army but I do not believe he had any regular soldiers with him when we joined him, but  
had some militia we then march to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg]. from Petersburg we went to a  
place called Sandy point or Sandy Hook on James River [Sandy Point in Surry County]. here  
Mullinburg and some of the Virginia Troops crossed to the north side of the River and we march  
on the south side to a place called Edmonds hill. We lay there for some weeks. Mullinburg on the  
north side and we on the opposite bank We encampted there for the purpose of cutting off  
Gen'l. [Benedict] Arnold belonging to the brittish. I remained at this place until the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
April when I received a discharge from Captain Moore and went home having served three  
months this trip —

I staid at home until some time in July 1781 when I was again drafted and went out under  
Captain John Tilford [sic: John Tedford, pension application S3776], Maj [William] Long and Col.  
Samuel Lewis so soon as we were augernized we marched towards Richmond Virginia the  
Brittish Troops was lying at this time in the neighbourhood of Richmond. On our march we  
joined Gen'l. Mullinburgs Army. the Brittish having left Richmond and making their way towards  
Willimsburgh [sic: Williamsburg]. We marched in persuit and encampted near the army, a short  
time after the British encampted at Little York in Virginia, and our Army marched a short  
distance from Williamsburgh and encampted at a place called Burrells Mill [Burwell's Mill], and  
there remained until we were joined by Washingtons Army and Gen'l. Layfayette Army who  
commanded the French Troops [sic: see endnote]. a few days after they joined us we marched  
directly to Little York and was in that Battle [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct]. The Captain  
who I started under took sick and he went home on a furlough. after I had served two months  
under him, I was then commanded by Captain [David] Gray after the capture of Lord Cornwallis  
at Little York I was discharged by Captain Gray having served this Trip something like as well as  
he now recollects four months. I presented my discharges to the paymaster when I received my  
pay after the war. he detained them in his possession. after peace was made I resided in  
Rockbridge County Virginia until the year 1802 and then I moved to Washington County  
Tennessee and resided there about Two years, then moved to Blunt [sic: Blount] County  
Tennessee and resided there until the year 1813 and then moved to Maurry [sic: Maury] County  
Tennessee and resided there until the year 1821 and then I moved to Laudadale [sic: Lauderdale]  
County Ala. and lived there until the fall of 1826 and then I moved to McNairy County Tennessee  
where I have resided ever since. that I know of no person by whom I can prove my services by.

Anthony B. Lambert of McNairy has known me for some time and can testify as to my General Character and his belief of my servises and neighbourhoods belief as to my servises Col. John T Burtwell has known me for some time and can Testify as to my varasity and belief of my servises — I Hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pention or annuity except the present and declair that my name is not on the pention Roll of any agency of any state

[signed] David Campbell

State of Tennessee } Ss

McNairy County } On this the Twenty third day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty three, Personally appeared in Open Court before the County Court of pleas and quarter sessions for McNairy County in the State of Tennessee now sitting David Campbell, a resident of McNairy County in the state aforesaid Aged seventy two years next October 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he was Born in Chester County State of Pennsylvania on the first day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty one. When he was six years old his father moved from Pennsylvania and settled in Augusta County Virginia, which was afterwards divided and I fell in a new county called Rockbridge. Here I entered the service of the United States as a Drafted Soldier on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1781 under Captain Andrew Moore. We Randavoused at a place called the red house Tavern in said county and was there attached to Col. John Boyers Regiment. the next day after I joined the army which was on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the month we took up our line of march and went to the rock fish Gap. there we met a Regiment from Augusta County. We here crossed the mountain and marched directly on to Fredericksburgh Virginia at this place we lay two days. then we marched to James River. on our way joined General Mullinburghs Army. On the Armys arrival at James River in Virginia at a place called Sandy Hook or Sandy point. here my Regiment, the Troops from Botatot [sic: Botetourt] County and Two more Regiments crossed the River, and marched directly on to a place called Edmonds Hill. here we lay for some time wating the British. General Mullinburgh remaining on the opposite side of the river, from Edmonds Hill we marched to the Great Bridge [in present Chesapeake City] in Virginia. we lay here for some time watching the Brittish who was then in Norfolk. from here we took up our line of march on the 18<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1781 for Rockbridge County my place of residence and arrived home by the time my Term of four months the length of time I was Drafted for was out. here I was discharged after having served four months I do not believe I received any writen discharge nor do I believe any of the company did I will also mention that my Adjutant was a man by the name of John McCandless before that time a Regular soldier in the northern Army.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord 1781 I again entered the service of the United States in Rockbridge County Virginia as a Drafted Soldier under Captain Gray here we was attached to a Batalion commanded by Maj. Long and marched to a Widow Tayes [Widow Teas's at present Waynesboro] not far from the Rockfish Gap where we met some Troops from Augusta County Virginia commanded by Col Samuel Lewis we was attached to his regiment, from here we marched directly to Richmond. from there pretty much through that section of the country. On our march we met the Brittish at James Town where we had a skirmish [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 July]. We also had an other skirmish with the Brittish at a place called Hot watter [Battle of Hot Water Plantation 6 mi NW of Williamsburg, 6 June] then we went to Richmond there joined other Troops and marched to the neighbourhood of Williamsburgh. Cornwallis and his army at this time was in Williamsburgh) here we lay for some weeks. then the Brittish marched to Little York, and we went to Burrells Mill one mile below Williamsburgh. here we lay for a long time. dureing our stay at this place my term of four months the time I was Drafted for was out. which was on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781. About this time General Washinton and General Layfayette was expected to arrive with their Troops [sic], so I volunteered together with our whole company for one month, so I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781 at Burrells Mill near Williamsburgh Virginia for the Term of one month, under Captain Gray Maj Long and Col Lewis. a few days afterwards Genl Washington and Layfayette arrived we was joined to his army and

marched to Little York. We besieged that place and on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781 the British surrendered. I was in this engagement. after the surrender of Cornwallis we marched directly back to Rockbridge County at which place we arrived by the time my Term of service was out and was there discharged. I do not think I received any written discharge nor do I know why I did not. I have no Documentary Evidence and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can Testify to his services. 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

Question. Where and in what year were you Born

Answer. I was Born in Chester County State of Pennsylvania on the first day of October 1761

Question. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer. I have my age recorded in a Bible now at my house in McNairy County. the same was taken from my Fathers Bible

Question Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. I was living in Rockbridge County State of Virginia when I entered the service of the United States and lived there after the revolution until the year 1802 then I moved to East Tennessee and lived there until the year 1826 then I moved to McNairy County where I now live

Question. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer. I served Two Trips of four months each as a Drafted soldier and one month as a volunteer soldier.

Question. 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 services

Answer, I saw General Washington & Lafayette at the Seige of Little York I also was acquainted with John McCandless who had been a regular soldier, but afterwards was my adjutant the first tour I performed - the balance of the Question I have answered in the body of my Declaration- Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer. I do not recollect of ever receiving any discharge from the service I do not know why, nor do I think any of the soldiers did at the time I served -

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

Answer - I am well acquainted with Parson Anthony B Lambert and Col. John T. Burtwell both of my neighbourhood. they can Testify as to my character for veracy and their belief and the neighbourhoods belief of my services in the Revolution - [signed] David Campbell

NOTE: Lafayette commanded Virginia militiamen and Continental troops under Gen. Anthony Wayne. Rochambeau commanded the French land troops. Rochambeau and Washington arrived at Williamsburg on 14 Sep 1781.