

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Campbell S30310

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State of Kentucky, Monroe County: September Term 1832 of the County Court

On the 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court now sitting James Campbell a resident of said County about 79 years of age who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He was drafted under Joseph Nilson [could be Wilson] in East Tennessee & went against the Chickamauga [Indians], and James Nilson [could be Wilson] was Lieutenant, Samuel Hanley was Ensign, Charles Robinson was Major & Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] general, as acting general. That the troops rendezvoused at the Long Island on Holston River; that he lived in Washington County -- which County was then the territory of the United States [?] south of Ohio River; that he went by water on said campaign; that there was no battle on said campaign & that he served, he thinks, three months on said campaign but the year is not recollected.

That he served in another campaign under John Sevier Colonel of about two months more against the Cherokee Indians; that James Hubbard was his Captain, Nathaniel Evans, Lieutenant & no Major or Ensign; that on this campaign he was an Indian spy.

That he volunteered under John Sevier, Colonel, Christopher Taylor, Captain; that there was no Lieutenant or Ensign; that he was among the mounted troops; that the foot men did not get up to the battle; that William Campbell was the general; that he was in the battle at King's Mountain; that Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Campbell, Williams [James Williams] & Shelby [Isaac Shelby], late Governor of Kentucky, & Sevier were the colonels; that said Campbell was commander in chief but probably not commissioned as the campaign was in great haste; that he thinks he was in this service about two months; that Col. Williams was killed at said battle.

That he served another campaign of about three months as a volunteer against the Over Hill Indians under Captain Davis & Sevier, Colonel: no major. This campaign was commanded by General McDowell; we took the towns, got our Captain killed & had to retreat.

That he hired a man to serve a 3 months tour, to wit: Samuel Gibson to guard the frontier & forts; that he was drafted to serve this campaign.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or territory.

S/James Campbell, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/William Butler, Clerk

The Amended declaration of James Campbell in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

This declarant in addition to the statements contained in his original declaration states that he was born in Lancaster County in Pennsylvania 79 years ago last Christmas day that he has no record of his age but has always understood that he was born the Christmas before Braddock's Defeat¹ – This information he has received from his father and mother and oldest brother. That he was generally a volunteer & never received a discharge. That he never received a commission.

The persons to whom he refers the Department in his neighborhood for information are John P Martin Esquire, Joel Yancey late representative in Congress – Christopher Tompkins late representative – William Butler clerk of the court – Joseph G Hardin Colonel of the Regiment and William Martin &c &c –

This declarant does not precisely recollect the year of the campaign first described in his original declaration but thinks he was then about 22 years old which would make the time of his service in the year of '75 or '76 – That he is certain he served at least as long as three months on that campaign if not longer. That he served on the campaign second described in said original declaration at least two months and thinks it was two or three years after the first campaign.

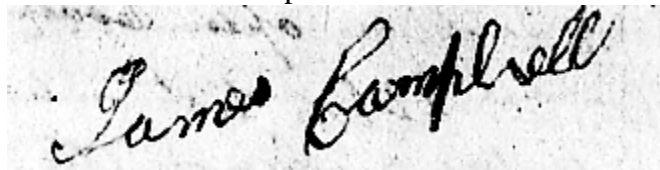
That he served in the third campaign at least two months and thinks the campaign took place in 1780 but has not an opportunity of examining the history, but presumes that the times of the Battle of Kings Mountain can be easily ascertained by the department.

That in the fourth described campaign he served at least three months, but cannot recollect the year that campaign took place.

This declarant states in addition to what he has stated heretofore that he served another campaign of two months as a substitute for his brother Alexander Campbell, that on this campaign we took Fort Thicketty² South Carolina – Shelby was our commander on this campaign.

The declarant states that he has come as near as he could to the periods of the war when he served & hopes that because he cannot recollect precisely the times that he will not be prevented from receiving a pension.

S/ James Campbell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Campbell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Attested May 6, 1833 by Wm Butler, Clerk]

State of Kentucky County of Monroe: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid James Campbell of said County who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that by

¹ July 9, 1755, said engagement also known as the Battle of Monongahela.

² July 30, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortthicketty.htm>

reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

1. For three months I served as a private soldier
2. for two months I served as a private soldier
3. for two months I served as a private soldier
4. for three months I served as a private soldier
5. for two months I served as a private soldier & substitute for Alexander Campbell

12 mo.

and for such service I claim a Pension

S/ James Campbell

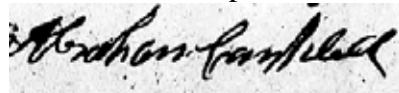
I the undersigned a citizen of Monroe County Kentucky do hereby certify that I was a neighbor to James Campbell citizen of Tennessee not far distant from James Campbell, that said Campbell served a campaign of about three months against the Indians which he calls the Overhill Indians, which I call middle section of Cherokee Indians, that he was in the same company with me Nathaniel Davis was our Captain & Nathaniel Hayes our Lieutenant & I have known said Campbell ever since & know him to be a good soldier and a man of good character as any.
September third 1832

S/ Elijah Veach,³ X the his mark

I the undersigned a citizen of Monroe County Kentucky & Brother to James Campbell state that said James my brother was absent on several campaigns against the Indians British & Tories during the old war, that I think from every information that he was at the battle of Kings Mountain, against the Overhill Indians but the time he served I cannot precisely state as I was quite young & not think he was at the taking of a place called Pickety.

September 3rd, 1832.

S/ Abraham Campbell



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private North Carolina militia.]

³ This MAY be the same man as [Elijah Veach \[Veatch\] S37498](#) who only described his service in the Continental Army in his application.