

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Campbell S3129

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Court of Pleas &c August 1833

On this 27th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Robert Campbell a resident of Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee, aged seventy-four years, on the 3rd day of January 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated: That he was born in Prince Edward County in the State of Virginia on the 3rd of January 1759, that there was a Record of his age in an old family Bible belonging to his father, now in the possession of his brother-in-law in the State of Indiana as he supposes it having been given to his Sister several years ago. This Applicant further states that in the fall of the year 1776 he moved into what is now the State of Tennessee then North Carolina, that when he first arrived on the frontiers he was stationed, with other adventurers in a Fort which had been built near a large spring now owned by James Cooper in Carter's Valley Hawkins County, that at this Fort & on scouting parties against the Indians he served two months as well as he can now recollect, that from the Fort he returned to his home, and in the year 1779 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain Christie who belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Evan Shelby, that this Regiment, to which this Applicant belonged, united at the mouth of the Big Creek, now in Hawkins County, with a Regiment of twelve-months men under the command of Colonel John Montgomery: that the United forces descended in canoes, the Holston River to Chinamanga [sic, Chickamauga?] for the purpose of driving from that place the Indians who had been annoying the frontiers for some time, that the Indians on the arrival of the above forces, fled to the woods without manifesting any disposition to fight; but were pursued & many of them killed, that they burnt down their town & destroyed their corn. This Applicant further states that from these towns after routing the Indians they were commanded by their Officer Colonel Shelby to return home by land marching the whole way on foot, that on their return through the nation they experienced the greatest distress from the want of food relying altogether on hunting for their subsistence. That this term of service lasted three months to the best of his knowledge.

This Applicant further states that in the latter part of the year 1779 or 1780 he again volunteered under Captain John Looney & Colonel Arthur Campbell, for the purpose of marching against the Cherokee Indians who had again become hostile, that the forces under Colonel Campbell assembled at what is now called Dodron's [?] pond in Hawkins County & from thence marched into the Indian nation, that during their stay in the nation they were through

the following Indian towns, some of which they burnt, Chota, the Island Towns & Tomotlee, that in these towns they took some prisoners & after marching about through the Nation for some time they returned to the Long Islands of Holston with about 30 prisoners, which were in a few days exchanged for our own men, that this term of service lasted two months at least –

This Applicant further states that he was stationed in a Fort on Big Creek & employed as a Scouter [sic] & Spy after the Indians, who were continually harassing the frontiers, that his services in the Fort & as a Spy were so frequent & short & his memory now impaired by age & sickness that he cannot give a particular account of each term but feels himself safe in saying they amounted to eighteen months of hard and perilous service. This Applicant further states that he has never received a discharge.

That he now lives in Carter's Valley where he has lived for the last 40 years; that in his present neighborhood he is known to the Reverend Harden Sanders & George Merriman who can testify as to his character, & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That he knows of no one living by whom he can prove his service –

This applicant further states that his recollection of those times is very much impaired, but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods above stated in his Declaration, making in all two years & one month & for such service he claims a pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Tennessee.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ WB Mitchell, deputy clerk

S/ Robert Campbell



[Arden Sanders, a clergyman, and George R. Merriman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee Robert Campbell who being duly sworn deposed and saith, That by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot undertake to specify all the periods of service & name all the officers under whom he served during the eighteen months mentioned in his declaration, that the reason he did specify more terms of service in his declaration than the three terms mentioned in the Declaration or in the tabular form returned with the papers, making in all seven months, is that, the terms of the service included in the eighteen months in a Fort at Big Creek, were so short & frequent that he was advised that he made a general statement of all the terms of service put together would answer which amounted according to the best of his recollection to more than eighteen months but as the Department requires that the whole term of service for which the applicant claims a pension shall be distinctly marked off by the different tours & campaigns, he now states such terms of service as he can recollect, which were rendered during the eighteen months service at the Fort on Big Creek, but which will not amount to the 18 months mentioned in his Declaration, but notwithstanding which to the best of his recollection he served. This applicant states that during the times he was forted at Big Creek, the Indians would very often break in on the frontier settlers & commit murders & depredations, that on these occasions the people forted & the settlers would volunteer to go in pursuit of the Indians. That at one time this applicant volunteered under Captain Kyle & went in pursuit of a party of Indians who had been among the settlers & had murdered some of them & drove off their horses. That they followed the Indians nearly to what

is now called the West point at the Junction of Clinch River & Tennessee [River]. That here they retook the horses the Indians having fled, & returned home with them. That this term lasted 15 days as well as he remembers. This applicant further states that on divers other occasions similar to the one above mentioned he volunteered under the same Captain Kyle making in all one month. That while he was stationed in the said Fort he considered himself bound to go into active service whenever it was necessary, but cannot specify any other service under any particular officer during that time than the periods above stated. Therefore to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below for eight months & was in active service against the Indians as above stated full 17 months & was forted in on Big Creek guarding the frontier settlers & for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to before me ninth November 1833

S/ Robert Campbell

S/ L. Spears, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for eight months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]