

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Campbell S34675

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State of Missouri }

County of Cooper Ss }

On the 12th day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty nine personally appeared in the Circuit Court for the County of Cooper in the State of Missouri in open Court before the Judge thereof (the same being a court of Record created by the Constitution of the said State of Missouri) William Campbell resident of said county of Cooper aged seventy six years on the fifth day of March last, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said William Campbell enlisted for the Term of two years in the month of February in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain George Slaughter in the regiment commanded by Colo. [Peter] Muhlenberg and afterwards at the promotion of Colo. Muhlenberg [to Brigadier General, 21 Feb 1777] commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps untill sometime in the month of February seventeen hundred and seventy eight when he was discharged from service in the State of Pennsylvania (said declarant does not recollect the precise day of his enlistment or discharge) – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension whatever except the present – that his name is not on the roll of any State except that of Virginia, and his reasons for not making earlier application for a pension are as follows – he states that about ten years ago he understood that he was entitled to a pension from the United States according to a law then in force – that he employed an attorney at the bar to obtain said pension for him – that he pursued the directions given him by his attorney who kept all the documents which were drawn out by him to forward to the City of Washington – that he was informed sometime afterwards by his said attorney that his application was unsuccessful, and that since that time untill the present he has not made application being discouraged by the result of his first one and having at all times but a confused idea of the Laws in force on the subject of pensions and of the method necessary to be pursued under them to obtain one and being generally too poor to pay others to undertake to obtain one for him.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. And that since the 18th day of March 1818 there has been no changes in my property – having had most of the property named in his Schedule at that time except the usual changes by breeding in his stock of cattle and hogs, the increase of which he has generally himself used. Said William Campbell does not reside at any home or place of his own but usually stays with a grand son named Bradley Campbell who is aged about twenty three[?] years and who is not able to contribute much to the support of this declarant as the said Bradley has likewise his mother living with him (who is a widow) to support. The said Declarant states that he is by occupation a farmer but he is utterly unable to work and has not been able to work any for four or five years, being very old and infirm and having likewise sustained an injury in his shoulders which renders him incapable of much bodily exertion

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Schedule of the property of William Campbell the foregoing declarant owned by him on the 12 day of October 1829 – with the debts due to him at the same time

Ten head of hogs large & small – 1 saddle in use ten years – Six head of cattle large & small – 1 mare two years old worth perhaps \$30 – 2 old ploughs & old gear – 2 Pots & a Pot Trammell – One bed & bedding – ½ dozen pewter plates & one dish – 1 pot & 1 oven A debt due from Robert Hammond of three dollars and another from Samuel Beaty of two dollars
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Enoch Job [pension application W1193], aged about seventy or seventy one years of age, personally appeared before the subscriber, and acting Justice of the peace, for the County of Cooper, & being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he was personally acquainted with William Campbell, the present applicant for a pension, in the state of Virginia, who resided in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County, at the time of the Revolutionary War, this deponent residing in Shenandoah County [named Dunmore County until 1778]. That this deponent, in 1776, joined Col. Muhlenburgh's regiment, at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], in the summer, upon its return from the South, where it had been on a tour [to Sullivans Island SC at the Battle of Breach Inlet, 28 Jun 1776], as he understood; that he then met with the said William Campbell, who had been in the service – that the said Campbell then belonged to the same regiment, in the company of Capt. George Slaughter, this deponent being in Capt. William Croghans. The regiment then marched to Pennsylvania; and, upon Col. Muhlenburgh's promotion, it was in command of Col. Abraham Bowman. That this deponent was discharged in February 1778, at the Valley Forge; and he left the said Wm. Campbell then in the service – and remembers seeing him the day he left camp. The said Campbell afterwards, in the same year returned home. This deponent never saw his discharge; but believes, from general report & circumstances, that he served his full term of two years and was honorably discharged and never heard any thing to the contrary. That he was so intimately acquainted with him, and so often in his neighborhood, that he must have know the fact if it were otherwise. That he has known Campbell ever since, and they have lived near together in Missouri, in adjoining counties. This deponent believes the year of his joining the regiment of Col. Muhlenburgh, was the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, about the month of June, as above state.

And this deponent further saith, that, by reason of old age and bodily infirmity, he hath been unable, for several preceding Circuit Courts, for the County of Cooper, to attend, and further saith not.
Subscribed and sworn to this 27th day day of June 1829 [signed] Enoch Job