

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Capps S6772

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State of North Carolina County of Johnston: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term
1832

On this 27 day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions William Capps a resident of Johnston County and State of North Carolina aged 81 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. – That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 with Lieutenant Benjamin Williams under command of Captain Keese [Nathaniel Keais] – and served in the second Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers: Colonel Patton [perhaps John Patten] – Captain Keese Lieutenant Benjamin Williams – That he was marched a few days after enlistment to New Bern – at New Bern – he enlisted in the fifth Regiment of North Carolina line for the term of three years – That he was at different times at Wilmington, Halifax & Tarboro in North Carolina but his memory is so enfeebled by age he cannot recollect the precise times when he was at those places or how long he remained at them. – He was marched from Wilmington to the North under command of Captain William Caswell. He was marched on this route through Richmond, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Alexandria in Maryland to Head Quarters in a place called White Marsh in Pennsylvania. He spent this letter on Schuylkill River. He was under command of Captain Hall [Clement Hall] & Captain Coleman [Benjamin Andrew Coleman]. He was so repeatedly shifted from officer to officer that he cannot pretend to say when he was under these officers – he only knows the fact can confidently avers it to be true, that he served faithfully under them at various times. After the breaking up of winter Quarters on the Schuylkill [River] he was marched across the North River which River was crossed at Kings Ferry – he spent the summer in camp at White Plains. – He was also before this at the taking of Stoney Point [July 16, 1779]. During the succeeding fall he was ordered to Charleston South Carolina at which place he arrived in the spring following and was there placed under command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] – At the siege of Charleston he was taken prisoner [May 12, 1780] – and continued prisoner nearly 15 months when he was exchanged at old James Town in the year 1781. From the time of his enlistment the Declarant believes he served nearly 6 years – including the time when he was prisoner of war. He received a regular Discharge signed by Colonel Mebane [Robert Mebane] – which discharge is believed to be lost.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.
S/ Wm Capps

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Capps". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that William Caps a private Soldier in Captain Caswell's Company of the fifth Regiment enlisted some time in the year 1777 for the term of 2 ½ years and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls. He drew a Warrant for his military services on the certificate of a Field Officer in 1784 for seven years, or as a War Soldier.

Given under my hand this 6th December 1832
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 ½ years' service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]