

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Capps S8133

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of North Carolina }
Henderson County } S.S.

On this 27th Day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred & forty five Personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now Siting William Capps a resident of Henderson County North Carolina aged eighty one years the 16th Day of next October who being first duely sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Decleration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress Passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following Officers and served as herein stated. that he was Drafted for a three months tower in the latter part of the year Seventeen Hundred and Eighty was placed under Captain Mordica Clark [sic: Mordecai Clark] and was marched off from Burke Count North Carolina (where he was drafted and Joined Gen'l. Daniel Morgans Army which was then Stationed at Grindells Shoals on Pacolate [sic: Grindal Shoals on Pacolet River]. he remained under Command of Capt. Clark in Gen'l. Morgans Army until one or two Days before the battle at Cow-Pens [Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781] when his Captain the said Mordica Clark left the Army under a pretence to become a Teacher of Col. Washingtons Dragoons how to play with the sword as it was termed. he was then placed under the Care of Major Triplate [sic: Francis Triplett] of the Virginia Militia and fought under him at the battle at Cowpens & remained under him the ballance of the tower. though received no discharge in Consequence of his captain having left the service. he then returned home and after the elapse of a few months he was again Drafted in the same place in Burke County No. Carolina for an other three months tower was sent to Colonel Wofforts [Wofford's] fort and was there placed under Captain James Neille and remained about the fort except when out on scouting excursions until that tower was ended nothing very important having expired he then regularly received his discharge, which he kept a number of years though estimating it at little or no value it has ben lost or destroyed long since he does not now know how long nor when – he however returned home and after remaining there a few months he went to Virginia Montgomery County and remained there a very few months before he was Drafted in the Spring of the year in the said County of Virginia for a one months tower and served out that time under Capt Simpson though Received no discharge. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatsoever to a Pension or annuity except the preasent and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Willim Capps

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born

Ans. 1st. I was born in Chatham County No. Carolina

Ques. 2. have you any record of your age

Ans. 2. I have not.

Ques 3rd Where were you liveing when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Ans'r. 3rd. When called into service I lived in Burke County No. Carolina I left there just before I was last drafted & went to Virginia Montgomery County as before stated & soon after I was dismissed from the service there I returned to Burke County No. Carolina and stayed there a short time & then went to Edgefield District South Carolina from there to Greenville District So. Carolina and from there to Buncombe County now henderson County North Carolina where I have lived for upwards of thirty years.

Ques 4th How were you called into service

Ans. 4th. I was drafted.

I served with the Troops Commanded by Gen'l. Daniel Morgan Col [John Eager] Howard Col. William Washington who commanded the Dragoons Major Triplate of the Virginia Militia Major Joseph McDowell & others.

Ques 5th Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans. I Received but one Discharge according to the best of my knowledge & that was given by Captain James Neille.

I am acquainted with James Murray Meredith Truman Daniel Pace Noah P. Corn John Revice J. B. Thomas & many others who live in my Immediate Neighbourhood who can Testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution

[signed] Willim Capps

NOTES:

On 24 June 1845 William Capps [as he then signed] explained that he had not applied earlier for a pension because a pension agent had told him that he could not obtain one without his discharges.

On 6 April 1857 Lucina Hammond of Fannin County GA, assigned power of attorney to obtain any pension due to her mother, Nancy Capps, deceased widow of William Capps. On 21 Dec 1856 and 9 June 1858 Hiram T. Capps of Hopewell in Mecklenburg County NC wrote to the Pension Commissioner inquiring whether the pension of William Capps had been collected by his agent. In another letter Hiram T. Capps stated that children and grandchildren of William Capps had made separate applications for the pension, and he also inquired whether there was any record of the service of his grandfather Caleb Capps, brother of William Capps.