

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Campbell S8169

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: On this 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of the said County now sitting, Thomas Campbell a resident of said County, being a part of what was the County of Mecklenburg in said State aged seventy-two the 26th instant 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 & served as herein stated.

He entered the service, in the militia he thinks the 20th of March 1780 as a soldier in the company commanded by Captain James Osborn, Lieutenant Andrew Alexander, Ensign Joseph Shinn for the term of three months, marched by Major Thomas Harris, through the State of South Carolina to Cooper River, under the command of Colonel Arrington, by water, to Charleston & there was under the command of General Lincoln, & was sent with others to strengthen Colonel Malmedy after the capitulation, I received a parole and returned to my.

Whilst Cornwallis laid in Charlotte, I volunteered and was in the service for three weeks & three days under Captain Zacheus Wilson –

He volunteered, then in July 1781 under Captain Lopp in the Horse, in the County of Rowan, and served five weeks, was employed in pursuing the Tories. Then in September entered the service under Captain Joseph Graham in the cavalry, afterwards commanded by Captain Charles Polk for the term of three months, during which time we defeated several times the Tories, & scoured the Country between the Yadkin River & Cross Creek & thence to Wilmington.

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

Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James G Spears, Clerk

S/ Thos. Campbell

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Thos Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

[John Robinson, a clergyman, and John Phifer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following Interrogatories were propounded by Court to the applicant

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In the 1760 – in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. in my family Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. In the County of Mecklenburg now Cabarrus – then 30 years in the State of Tennessee, now in the County of Cabarrus NC.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. As a volunteer – no – no – nor a substitute for no one whatever

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. General Lincoln, General McIntosh, Colonel Malmedy and all such as are stated in the declaration

State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: Personally appeared George Barnhart¹ and after being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Thomas Campbell during the Revolutionary War & that he recollects well that he served at the Siege at Charleston he thinks in the year 1780

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Sworn to & subscribed this 16th day of October 1832.

S/ Geo Bern hardt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geo Bern hardt". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: October Sessions 30th day 1832

General Joseph Graham² was duly sworn in open Court that in a campaign against the British and Tories under the command of General Rutherford commencing sometime in the month of September 1781 and ending in December of the same year this applicant Thomas Campbell served as a Soldier for three months in a Legionary Corps commanded by Colonel Robert Smith of which this deponent acted as Major.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year above written.

S/ J. Graham

[Facts in file: Veteran died March 31, 1833; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for 18 months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]

¹ Sic, [George Barnhardt R544 A](#)

² [Joseph Graham S6937](#)