

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Campen S8171

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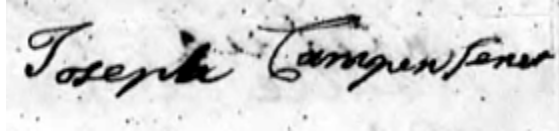
State of North Carolina County of Beaufort: August Term 1832

On this 22nd day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County of Beaufort now sitting Joseph Campen Senior a resident of said County, aged seventy-eight 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 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: That in say – Soon after the commencement of the Revolutionary War, he volunteered as a militia man, in the said County in the State Troops, but does not recollect the date of his so entering the service, but the period of his engagement was for three months – that he served out the said tour and was principally employed with his Associates in arms in watching the movements of the Enemy & of the Tories, near & along the Virginia line – that was in no Battle during his said period of service. That after his discharge he was twice drafted and both times hired substitutes to go in his room. After the this & near the close of the war, he again volunteered in said County as a militia man, in the State Troops, in the company commanded by Captain Leith, and to the best of his present recollection his Regiment was commanded by Colonel Brown & Major Dennis – that he does not recollect precisely the date of his entrance at this latter time into the service but it was early in the fall of the year and was a part of the force put in requisition to intercept Cornwallis in his then expected march through this State: that he was in no Battle, but was marched to the Pedee River, where we expected to meet with Cornwallis & General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], and after remaining there a few days we were marched to Dan River where we joined General Greene & afforded him succor, thence we were marched to Cross Creek expecting to meet a force of the enemy, who it was said had invaded the State in that vicinity – thence we were marched to Kinston in this state – where this affiant was discharged by Major Dennis & late in the month of March the period for which he volunteered when he entered the service at this latter engagement was three months, but he yielded to the emergency of the circumstances in which the Country was placed & consented to be detained & served upwards of six months before he got his discharge. Soon after his discharge & he reached home, news of the capture of Cornwallis was received. He, at this late date, has no documentary evidence of his entrance into the Army, nor of his discharges there from, having lost them many years since, nor does he know of any individual now living by whom he could prove his services as aforesaid. He is now an old man, past labor & is poor & has a family to support.

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 State, except that of the State of North Carolina.

S/ Joseph Campen, Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Campen Senior". The ink is dark and the background is light, possibly a scan of a document.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Ellison, Clerk

[Hillary Whitehurst and Thomas Ellison, to justices of the peace for the said County, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]