

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Campbell S9136

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State of Pennsylvania }
Butler County } Ss,

On this eleventh day of February AD 1833, personally appeared before the Judges of the court of Common pleas of the County aforesaid Charles Campbell a resident of the County of Butler in the State of Pennsylvania aged eighty-six 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the fall of the year 1777, for and during the term of two years that he served during the term of his enlistment after the expiration of which he was discharged at Morristown. that he was enlisted in Berkly [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia, belonged to the 11th Virginia Regiment, under General Thompson, and Captain William Keffert, was present at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], he received his discharge which was honourable at Morristown, which discharge has long since been lost, after his discharge he lived in york County Pennsylvania, untill he removed to this County thirty years ago. 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.

Charles hisXmark Campbell

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On this twentyeth day of Sept. Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before me, one of the Associate Judges of the County of Butler and State of Pennsylvania aforesaid Charles Campbell of Centre township – county and state aforesaid aged about ninety one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he was enlisted in the service of the United States as a teamster in the fall before the Battle of Monmouth by Captain William Kefford at the house of Thomas Retherford in Barklow County, in the State of Virginia. Soon after the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] he joined the Army at Valley forge, in Montgomery County Pennsylvania. Left Valley forge and went to Princeton and from there to the Battle of Monmouth. This battle was fought about the commencement of harvest. left Monmouth and went to Brunswick – then crossed the north river at Kings ferry – then to Robinsons flats – recrossed the river to Middlebrook & Bond brook [sic: Bound Brook] in the Jerseys. Was at the White plains – lay there most of the summer The army lay at Middlebrook and bond brook all winter I was sent to Lancaster Pennsylvania with other teamsters and lay in the barricks all winter. Went to New Winsor where we lay all summer – came back to the Jerseys at Morristown. In the fall following at Morris town I got my discharge. I give my discharge to Squire Thompson of Yourk County Pennsylvania for safe keeping – afterwards lifted it and gave it to one Henry Deardof of Huntington township York County Pa – who is now dec'd. I never rec'd. it from him and believe it is lost

James Thompson was waggon master general

I recollect that Gen'l. [Charles] Lee was at the battle of Monmouth and was put under guard. I also remember of seeing Gen'l. Lafayette. I was a teamster at the battles of Monmouth and was kept in the rear of the Army I was two years in the service – received part of my bounty when I enlisted and balance afterwards. I know of no surviving witness to prove the facts above stated.

Charles hisXmark Campbell

[The certification states that Campbell was blind.]

Interrogatories propounded by Judge Bovard to Charles Campbell of Centre township Butler County Penna. to which he severally answered as given below.

1st. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer my Father told me that I was eight years old at the time of Braddocks defeat [on 9 Jul 1755]

2^d. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer No

3^d Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer In Barkely County Virginia part of the time in York County Pa. and now resides in Butler County Penna.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Answer I inlisted in Capt. Alfords Company for two years

5. State some of the names of the Regular Officers who were with the troops, where you served; such contental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer Col. Morgin Wodfords Bregade Gen'l. Green Gen'l. Leffayette Gen'l. Wain [sic: Col. Daniel Morgan, Gen. William Woodford's Brigade, Gen. Nathanael Greene, Gen. Lafayette, Gen. Anthony Wayne] I was generly engaged driving team and was at the battle of Monmouth

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was given, and what has become of it?

Answer I got my discharge from Thompson the Wagon Master Gen'l. and it has been lost

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer David Findly John Timlen Esq'r David Patterson Jacob Meckling Esq'r. and William Beatty