

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Archibald Campbell W10572
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[On 28 Jan 1833 Archibald Campbell made a declaration substantially the same as the following one.]

State of Virginia } SS.
Greenbrier County }

On this 23rd day of June 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Greenbrier County now sitting, the Rev. Archibald Campbell, a resi- of the County of Greenbrier & State of Virginia, aged Seventy 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 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 about the beginning (as well as he can recollect) of January 1781, he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militiaman from the County of Amherst, Virginia, under a certain Capt Barnet [sic: James Barnett, pension application W391], and served three months, the period for which he was drafted; he being the whole of that time a private soldier. The principal Field officer with whom he served at the period alluded to, was a Col. [Charles] Dabney. That from Amherst, the County in which he resided when called into service, he marched directly to Richmond, thence to Williamsburg, thence to York Town, thence to a place called The Half-way House about twelve miles below York Town, where he received a verbal discharge no written one having been given him. That he returned to his home in Amherst, and in the month of June in the same year (1781) was again called into service being drafted for a three months tour. That during the whole of this period he was stationed as one of a guard to the magazine at Charlottesville under the immediate command of a Sergeant Campbell. That they were under the superintendence of a Col. whose name this affiant does not now recollect. That at Charlottesville he received a verbal discharge no written one having been given him. On this tour as on the former he served as a private three months – thus making in all six months service.

That he was in no battles during either of the above recited tours. That he knew none of the regular officers, never having served with the main army. That he has no documentary evidence of his service, and that he knows no one who can testify to his services except Charles Hyde Esqr whose affidavit as to affiants first term is herewith sent.

This Affiant was born in the County of Amherst on the 18th of April in the year 1763. That he continued to reside there until some twelve or fifteen years after the revolutionary war, when he removed to the County of Greenbrier Va where he now resides and has resided ever since his first removal hither. That Joseph Alderson & Thomas Creigh are persons to whom this affiant is known in his neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

Sworn to and declared the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Arch'd Campbell

Virginia to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, John Jos. Maze one of the acting justices of the peace in and for the County of Greenbrier and state of Virginia, Charles Hyde, Esquire, aged 68 years, and made oath, that in the month of January preceding the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, in Virginia (January 1781) he was drafted in the county of Albemarle, in said state, to perform a tour of duty as a malitia man against the British; that he was marched thence to the neighbourhood of Yorktown where he completed his service of three months; that at the time the affiant was marched from Albemarle there

were two other companies of militia marched from Amherst County in said state; that the three companies, the one from Albemarle & the two from Amherst, were under the command of Col. Dabney. The affiant states that to one of the companies marched from Amherst belonged, as a private, the Reverent Archibald Campbell, now of the aforesaid county of Greenbrier, who performed in the company to which he belonged a three months tour of duty. And in my presence the affiant has hereto subscribed his name.
[signed 21 Jan 1833] Charles Hyde

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pension applicants in what is now West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. Singleton wrote on his report, "It may be correct."]

Archibald Campbell – Serv'd. 6 mo. certificate for \$20.

the undersigned, called on Mr. Campbell on the 23^d Jan'y. 1835 – found him sick in bed – Mr. Campbell then stated that he was born in April 1763 in the county of Amhurst and lived in that county during the war of the Revolution – that about the first of January 1781 he was drafted for a 3 months, & marched with 4 or 500 men under Col. Dabney from said county through Richmond Williamsburg York town – and twelve miles below the latter place to the Half way House, and [illegible word] he was discharged at the latter place – after being in service for the 3 months – his Captains name was James Barnett –

In June or July in the same year, was drafted again for 3 mo went from same county with 5 or 6 other men, and Sergeant Campbell and went to Charlottsvill where the 5 or 6 men including myself, under Segeant Campbell, was stationed as a guard to a magazine "a labaratory" – & remained in that service for the 3 mo – he is certain that Gen'l. Lafayette was not at Charlottsvill with the american army retreating from Cornwallis army – during the time that he Capbell was stationed there – if such an incident had occured he would shureley have known it [see endnote] – the Forging [foregoing] was read to Mr. Campbell in the hearing of the undersigned and acknowledged by him to be correctly taken down – W. R Woods –
a Copy W. G Singleton/ Jan'y 23 1835

NOTES:

The significance of Woods's or Singleton's query about Lafayette is unclear, unless they thought they had caught Campbell in a misstatement. Lafayette was pursued by Cornwallis until 8 June 1781, when Gen. Anthony Wayne joined him. Thereafter, Lafayette went south to a point about 8 mi E of Charlottesville, then pursued Cornwallis toward Richmond.

On an application for bounty land dated 12 March 1857, Archibald Campbell was said to be 100 years old.

On 7 Sep 1859 Sarah Stuart Campbell, about 67, applied for a pension stating that on 30 May 1844 she was married by Rev. Robert McCutchen to Archibald Campbell, who died on 20 July 1857. The file includes a copy of a marriage license issued in Nicholas County VA on 27 May 1844 for Archibald Campbell and Sarah Cook of that county. A note in the file reads as follows: "Mrs. Campbell does not know certainly at what time her late husband drew his last pension, but thinks it was some year or more before he died – he was very old – and quite insane several years before his death." On 2 April 1860 Sarah M. Cook, Susan E. Cook, and Alexander S. Skaggs stated that they had known Archibald and Sarah S. Campbell. On 16 March 1868 Sarah S. Campbell, 69, applied for resumption of the pension that had been suspended during the Civil War, during which time she lived on a farm near Sinking Creek where she subsisted "by the labour of a maiden Niece together with her own exertion." Alexander Cook and Alexander Taylor stated that "they frequently heard her express herself in the following words that she thought that the rebels who were trying to destroy the government which her husband fought for ought all to be killed." A document in the file states that Sarah S. Campbell was paid up to 3 June 1881.