

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cameron W1711

Jane Cameron

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North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this the 4th day of September personally appeared before the Court aforesaid John Cameron a resident of the County aforesaid, aged 68 years of age, 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under Neill McCranie [Neil McGrany] Captain (November the 1st 1781) commanding a troop of horse, Thomas Armstrong Colonel of the same, which said Troop was raised in Cumberland County and State aforesaid. That he was discharged February 1st 1782, having served with Captain McCranie about three months. That he was principally engaged in guarding prisoners at Cross Creek & keeping the Tories under -- that was the amount of his duty whilst under the command of Captain McCranie.

The same year he entered the State Regiment in the month of July under the command of Captain John Mebane of Chatham County, in the same Regiment he was acquainted with Captains Thoroughgood, Jones, Tabb -- all under the command of Major Lewis and Major Crafton -- that this time he served Four months -- and was discharged in the month of November 1782 at Hillsboro in Orange County, he joined and served both Tours as a volunteer. That he joined and was stationed at one Dowd's in Cumberland County -- now Moore County -- and after remaining there some weeks, he marched down to the Raft Swamp then known as the "Truce Land"-- That there they took several prisoners, one of which they hung, that afterwards at one Dowd's they hanged three more, all Tories. From Dowd's they marched to Cane Creek in the edge this affiant believes of Orange County -- at Lindley's Mills -- that after remaining there about a week, they received orders to march to Hillsboro which they accordingly did -- and were there discharged.

In the first service his discharge was signed by Captain Neil McCranie, and Colonel Armstrong, the second by John Mebane, Captain only -- both these discharges he has lost, and although he has made diligent search for the same they cannot be found by him. That he then resided in Cumberland, where he was born, and has resided there ever since.

That he was born in Cumberland County -- September 24, 1764.

The record of his age was in the Family Bible, the first leaf of which containing his age he now has.

When called into Service he was living in Cumberland and has there resided ever since.

That he joined the service as a volunteer.

The names of the officers with whom he served were Colonel Armstrong -- Majors Lewis & Crafton -- Captains McCranie, Mebane -- Thoroughgood, Jones, Tabb, Lieutenants Hodges, Birdsong, Pain [Payne?].

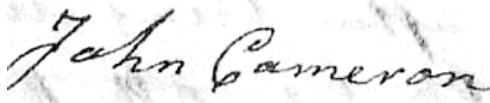
His discharges were given as above stated.

The persons to whom he is known in the neighborhood as a man of respectability and veracity --

and who can testify that he has always been considered as a Revolutionary soldier are Daniel McCormick, Justice of the Peace, and Archibald Campbell, and Richard Huckabee Esq. JP & Malcolm Clark – Nedham Walker who served with this affiant in Captain McCranie's Troop the three first months of his service as hereunto appended his affidavit in proof of his service. And the said Cameron hereby releases all claim for 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 subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Cameron



S/ D. McCormick, Clk

Personally appeared before the Court aforesaid Nedham Walker and after being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath say, that he and John Cameron, Joined Captain McCranie's Company of horse in 1781 – and served together in the manner as stated by said Cameron.

Sworn to and subscribed the year and day aforesaid.

S/ Nm L. Walker



S/ D. McCormick, Clk

[Daniel McCormick & Richard Huckabee gave the standard certificate of reputation for veracity, age and the leaf of revolutionary services.]

[also, Allen McDugald, minister of the gospel, gave a certificate stating that Cameron was a man of faith and is believed to have served in the revolutionary war.]

[p 9: Jane Cameron, 74, widow, made application for a pension by claim dated Nov. 30, 1848 in Cumberland Co., NC; she states her husband died June 7, 1842; that she married him in December 1795.] [In a later affidavit, she says her husband died August 14th 1839.]

[p. 13: family record:

"John Cameron was born 24th day of September in the year I Lord 1764

Jean Dobine¹ was born the 20th day of March in the year of our Lord 1774 and they were married the 24th day of December in the year of our Lord 1795"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.83 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for seven months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ The war Department speculated that her name may have been "Jane or Jean Dobbin" or "Jane or Jean Dobine."