

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Campbell W1713

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The State of Ohio }  
Preble County } Ss.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court Before the Honorable the Judges of the court of Common pleas now sitting John Campbell a resident of Jackson Township in the county of Preble and State of Ohio 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. that he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated That in the month of June 1778 he entered the Service in Bedford County State of Virginia where he then resided as a volunteer in Captain R. Adams [Robert Adams] & Lieut. McRunnal's [sic: McReynolds's] Company of Virginia Militia under Col. [Charles] Lynch and served a touer of duty of three months was stationed all the time at or near the lead mines [at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] & was engaged in gurdng the mines in Virginia. was discharged some time in September.

And that some time in February 1781 at the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia he entered the service as a volunteer in Captain James Dicksons Company of Virginia Militia and marched directly to N. Carolina and was attached to Col. William's [Otho Holland Williams's] Reg't. of Regular Infantry and had a severe action with the British at Whitesells Mills on a Branch of Haw river [sic: Wetzel's Mill on Reedy Fork of Haw River, 6 Mar 1781] Shortly after this action he was attached to Col. Lynch's Reg't. of Virginia Militia and marched to Guilford C. H. N. Carolina and that he remained in said Reg't. and faught in what was called the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse]. he thinks that Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson commanded on that occasion the division of the army to which he Belonged as he saw him on the lines and giving orders. this Battle was faught about the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1781 And after the Battle of Guilford he was marched to a place called troublesome Iron works in the State of N. Carolina and was discharged out of service after serving at least six weeks

And that in the month of August 1781 he was drafted for a three months touer and entered the service in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia in Captain David Beards Company of Virginia Militia in Col. Triggs [William Trigg's] Reg't. Virginia Militia & was marched directly to Yorktown, Va where we joined the main army under Genn'l. Washington and remained here in the service until after the the surrender of the British army under Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. Shortly after the surrender he was discharged at this place after serving two months.

And he does aver and declare that he did serve the several touers of duty as aforesaid makeing aggregately at least seven months service during the Revolutionary War. And that he has no documentary evidence of his said service and that he knows of no person whose testimoney he can procure who can testify to his services. that he has not written discharges he had three but has lost them 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. And that he has no Record of his age but believes he was Born in Bedford County in the State of Virginia on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1761 – and that at the time he was called into service he lived in Bedford County Virginia and served in the militia of that State, and since the Revolutionary war he lived in Knox County in the State of Tennessee and from that place he came to Preble county Ohio where he now lives and has resided for the space of 14 years last past. And that he is known to Matthew McWhinney and George Wolf who resides in his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for varacity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] John Campbell

NOTE: On 11 April 1849 Sarah Campbell, 75, applied for a pension stating that she married John Campbell in December 1796 in Jefferson County TN, and he died 14 May 1847. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 28 Dec 1796 by John Campbell and James Vance for the marriage of Campbell to Sarah Vance. The file also includes a family record transcribed below, which was written on the back of the title page of a Bible Concordance printed in 1803. An application for bounty land dated 17 April 1855 states that she was 83 years old, and that John Campbell died on 14 May 1846. On 9 July 1850 James Vance, Sr. of Jefferson County TN, born in 1773, stated that his sister, Sarah Vance, married John Campbell at his house and lived on his farm for about two years afterwards. On 22 July 1850 John Vance, Sr., aged 80 in the following September, of Jefferson County, stated that he and his sisters, Sarah Vance and Elizabeth Vance, lived with James Vance, Sr. up to the time that Sarah Vance married John Campbell, after which they stayed at his house for a short time, then moved to Washington County for a year, then returned and built a house in his yard where they stayed two years.

Samuel Campbell Born ye 13<sup>th</sup> of November 1797

Jane Campbell Born December ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1798

Elisabeth Campbell Born October ye 28<sup>th</sup> 1800

Archibald Campbell Born January ye 9<sup>th</sup> 1803

Mary Campbell Born ye 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1805

James Campbell Born August ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1807

Andrew Campbell Born ye 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1810

Robert Campbell Born ye 7<sup>th</sup> october 1812

William Campbell Born ye January [?] 1815

Alexander P Campbell was born June 11, 1817

Nancy Campbell was born June the 22, 1820