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Pension Application of John Campbell W18869

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State of Virginia County of Amherst S.S.

On the eighteenth day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Amherst County now sitting John Campbell a resident of the said County and State aforesaid aged eighty two 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That to the best of his recollection in the year 1781 he was drafted or called out from the Militia of the County of Amherst to perform a Tour of service that he marched from the said County of Amherst under the command of Capt James Dillard and was engaged and employed in what was afterwards called the Guilford expedition [which included the Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], that he served in this Tour within one or two days of three months when he was discharged. That thereafter he was again called into service in the same year of 1781 and marched from the same County of Amherst on another Tour of duty against the British forces then in Virginia That he was commanded by a certain Capt John Loving. That he with his company were at the seige of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and that he served during this last tour four months when he was discharged. That he served in both tours seven months, less one or two days, and that all his services as aforesaid were performed in the character of a private soldier. That for proof of his said services he refers to the affidavit of Henry Campbell [pension application W6615] who was an eye witness of them, and is hereto annexed. That from the great lapse of time he has no recollection of the days that he entered or quit the service and has no documentary evidence to prove them. That 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 whatever.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court with the answers thereto annexed.

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

Answer. I was born in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia in the year 1750 and removed to the County of Amherst when a boy and has lived there ever since.

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

Answer. I have none.

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. I was living in the County of Amherst when called into service and have lived in said County ever since

4th. How were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was drafted both tours.

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

Answer. I have no recollection ever to have received a discharge.

6th. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. In my first tour at Guilford I saw Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens, Colo. Holcomb [sic: John Holcombe] and Gen'l. Nath'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], and I do not recollect any of the Regts by name. In my second tour at York Town Gen'l [Robert] Lawson was our General and Colo Richeson [Holt Richardson]

commanded our Regt.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution? Answer. There is no clergyman resident in my neighborhood but William Cashwell [W3771] and Allen Blair [W5833] are my neighbors and will I expect testify to my character for veracity and to my reputation for Revolutionary services

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NOTE: On 13 October 1841 Frances Campbell, about 80, applied for a pension stating that she married John Campbell in Feb 1779, and he died in Jan 1838. William Tucker, nearly 63, stated that several years before he moved from Amherst to Powhatan County in 1796 he had attended school with Betsey Campbell and Nancy Campbell, two children of Frances and John Campbell, about 10 years old. It was certified by Wyatt Campbell that his father died on 29 Jan 1838.