

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Casper Camp W3220

Christiana Camp

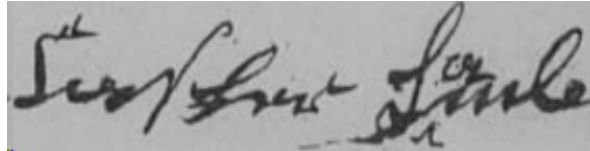
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Statement of Casper Camp, residing in Crawford County in the State of Pennsylvania, who applies for a pension from the United States in pursuance of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed the 18th day of March 1818

Said Casper Camp Saith, that in the year 1781 he enlisted for the term of eighteen months in Captain Jacob Bower's [pension application W3212] company in one of the regiments of the Penna. line, the number of which Reg't the said Casper Camp does not now remember; the said Reg't was on the Continental establishment, and commanded by Colonel Menges [sic: Francis Mentges], and proceeded with said Reg't and was at the Siege of Yorktown in Virginia when General Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781]. After the surrender of Cornwallis, the said Casper Camp was marched into South Carolina, and was transferred into the twelfth Penna. Reg't commanded by Colonel Thomas Craig, and was sent from South Carolina into Penna. to be discharged and at the expiration of the term of his enlistment, the said Casper Camp again enlisted in Captain John Craig's company of Dragoons, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Stephen Moylan in the Continental establishment, and remained nine months in said company & Regiment until he was honorably discharged at the close of the war, which discharge he has long since lost. The said Casper Camp hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension that may heretofore have been allowed to him by the laws of the United States, and further Saith, that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support

[signed in German, Cäsper Lamb]



Crawford County

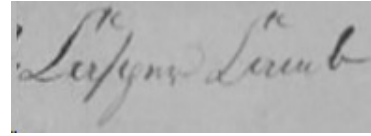
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On this tenth day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record in and for the said County of Crawford in pursuance of an act of the legislature of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishing it as such Casper Camp aged fifty five years on the 20th day June 1820 resident in the said County and Commonwealth who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows – in the year 1781 he enlisted for eighteen months in Captain Jacob Bower's company in the third Pennsylvania Reg't on the Continental establishment commanded Colonel Thomas Creig. Served in said Company and regiment during the full term of his enlistment and recd an honorable discharge at Somerset in the state of Pennsylvania in the month of January 1783 the said Casper Camp again enlisted for and during the war in captain John Creigs troop of horse in the fourth Pennsylvian regiment of dragoons on the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Stephen Moylan and served in said company and regiment until about the last of September in the said year 1783 when he received an honorable discharge therefrom. The said Casper Camp receives a pension from the United States in pursuance of an act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 on his application therefor dated the 16th day of April 1818 and the certificate of the hon. Secretary of War placing him on the pention list, is dated the 23^d day of March 1819 which certificate is numbered 8,464.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in

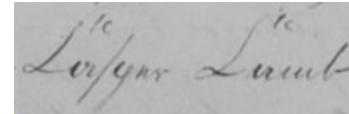
trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Cäsper Cämb [pronounced Camp]



Schedule of property belonging Casper Camp. Two hundred & fifty acres of land situate in Mead Township Crawford County on which there are about forty acres in cultivation the land is subject to a Mortgage for the purchase money amounting the 31st day of 1820 to nine hundred forty three dollars and ten cents. Three horses from seven to ten years old Five cows three yearling calves, one heifer two years old and four spring calves – one bull four years old Nine head of hogs, besides ten smal pigs one light waggon one plough, one harrow household furniture to the value of about fifteen dollars I have fourteen head of sheep, the debts that I owe amount to about seventy five dollars besides the money due on the land as above mentioned and there are owing to me about forty dollars. I have three children living with me who are under age – Viz one daughter in her seventeenth year, one sone twelve years old in March last and one daughter nine years old in october last. I have seven children who are over age, but who are at liberty to do for themselves and have been at their own hands and working for others three of whom are married and have left me for some time.

I am and have been by occupation a farmer; if the man to whom I owe the money for the land was to take out execution and sell it it would not bring as much as what there is due on it, in case of my being turned off the same it would be impossible for me from my age to earn a livelihood by labour.



[Casper Camp was dropped from the pension roll because it was considered that he owned to much property (more than \$200). See endnote.]

Crawford County

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On this first day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, personally appear in open Court of Common Pleas Crawford County beaing a Court of Record for thee trial of civil causes established by the laws of said Commonwealth, Casper Camp resident in said county aged fifty eight years on the 20th Day of June next who being first duly sworn as thee Law directs, doth on his oth make the following declaration in order to obtain thee provision made by the acts of thee 18th of March 1818 the first of May 1820 and first of March 1823. that he the said casper Camp enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the — day of July 1781 in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Bowers in the rigment commanded by Colonel Thomas Craig in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the contineal establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Company and rigment during the full term of his enlistment, and recievd an honorable discharg at Lancaster in the said State of Pennsylvania In the month of January 1783 the said Casper Camp, again enlisted for and during the war in Captain John Craigs troop of horse in the fourth Pennsylvania regiment of Dragoons on the Continental establishment Command by Colonel Stepen Moylan and served in said Company and rigment untill about the last of september in the said year 1783 when he recievd an honorable discharg from the servis of the united States in Lancaster aforsaid [Oath similar to that in the preceding application follows.] (signed) Casper Camp
[The schedule of property is similar to the previous one except for changes detailed below.]

I have two Children under age living with me the eldes a boy named David fifteen years of age the eleventh day of march last the other a girl named Mary aged thirteen years in octobr last all my other children are of the age of twenty one years and upwards and doing for themselves My wife was aged fifty six years in octobr last these three with myself compose my family

I am and have been by occupation a farmer I have been for the last year verry sickly, and a grat portion of the time have been unable to labour, the purchase money and intrust I owe for my land is more than it would sell for, and in case the creditor would take out execution and sell it, which might be done at anny time, I would be left destitute of a home and being now unable to earn a livelihood by labour I would have to depend on publick or privatt charity for support

That since the exhibition of my last schedule the following changes have bee made in my Property, viz – five head of sheep killed by the falling of a tree in the year of 1820 others have since died so that my present stock is redused to nine head not wistending the usual increase

Since the date of my first schedule I have not disposed of any of my horned cattel esept one I exchanged for an artickel of household furniture I have killed some for the use of my family at different times as also some of my hogs every year

(signed) Casper Camp

[The court valued Casper Camp's property at \$227.50, which was still considered by the Pension Office to be too much to qualify for a pension under the act of 1820.]

Additional testimony in the case of Casper Camp, who filed his depositions and Schedules of property in the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the 10th day of June 1820, and the first day of May 1823, copies of which were forwarded to the Department of War shortly afterwards

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On this 16th day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County, being a Court of Record for the trial of civil causes, as established by the laws of said Commonwealth, Casper Camp, who having been duly sworn as the law directs, did depose and say, that since the exhibition of his schedules above stated, he has found it impossible to make any payments towards reducing the principal or interest due on the two hundred and fifty acres of land therein mentioned, for which the same was mortgaged to William Griffith and John B. Wallace. That a few months ago a Liceri facias was served on me to enable the plaintiffs to get Judgment on the mortgage, and knowing that the land mst be sold from me if I attempted still to hold it, I was compelled, to save the costs attendant on the sale, by the Sheriff, to reconvey the whole of the two hundred and fifty acres of land to the plaintiffs, and that I do not now own nor claim any landed property whatever. In reconveying the land to the plaintiffs, it was the only course I could pursue to save costs, as I well knew that it would not sell at Sheriffs sale for the debt due upon it. This deponent further states, that he became indebted to his son George Camp, who is nearly twenty seven years of age, to work and labour done by him since he had become of age. That on a settlement he had to give his said son George, his horses, Cows and other cattle, hogs waggon, plough and harrow and cutting box, leaving only to myself the sheep and household furniture. Shortly after my son George had arrived at the age of twenty one years, I had to employ him to labour on the farm for me, to enable me to support myself and my wife and two children who are under age, and engaged to pay him for the same. That at the time of our settlement, I had no money to give him, and was obliged to give him the property before enumerated. I have no income whatever, and no means of supporting my family. I am not able to labour, and my situation is truly distressing, and unless assisted by my country, must depend upon public or private charity for support

(signed] Carper Camp

[Certified by George Camp.]

NOTES:

The file includes a copy of a Congressional "report of the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, on the subject of fixing an amount of annual income, which shall exclude the applicant from a pension, under the law of March 18, 1818, and May 1, 1820," dated 12 Jan 1824. The Committee opined that no fixed value of property should be set, since circumstances varied with each individual applicant, but if decided to leave the matter to the Secretary of War.

A document in the file states that Casper Camp died on 3 Oct 1836.

On 9 April 1851 Mary Ann Lefever, age 60 on 26 Dec 1850, stated that she had heard her parents say they were married by a Lutheran minister named Laman, that her sister Christiana was 20 years old on the 13 October prior to her marriage to Peter Foreman on 6 April 1808, and that her "Father was buried in the coffin with her said Mother Christiana Camp."

On 23 Aug 1851 George Camp, 53, stated that his parents, Casper Camp and the former Christianna Schwenk were married in Berks County PA in 1783, and that they had the following five children born before 1794: John, Jacob, Christianna, Mary Ann, and Elizabeth Camp. He stated that his mother died on 4 June 1844 leaving seven children: Mary Ann Lefever, Elizabeth Keeler, Catharine Crawford, Susan Foreman, Barbara Rush, Mercy Judson, and himself. He submitted a family record, but only the following two items were found in the file.

"Translation

Maria Christina Camp

was born 18th October in the year of Christ 1788 in Windsor Township in the County of Berks State of Pennsylvania her parents were Casper Camp and Christina whose maiden name was Schwenk She was Baptized by the Reverend Mr Frederick Miller Evangelical Luthren Preacher"

The second family record is in German and is apparently the baptismal certificate of Anna Maria Kampp, who was born on 26 December 1790 in Windsor Township in Berks County, daughter of Caspar Kampp and Christina whose maiden name was Schwenk. Adam Kampp and Anna Maria Dunkelberger are also mentioned.