

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Campbell W4648

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act entitled "an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution Approved on 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 1828 I Alexander Campbell of Mercer County in the State of Pennsylvania do hereby declare that in February or March 1776 I Inlisted for the term of one year in Captain [Robert] Adams company Commanded by Col William Irwin [sic: William Irvine]. I was at what is called the Battle of the three Rivers [Trois-Rivières, 8 Jun 1776] – our Army Retreated – Captain Adams and two others were killed on an Island in Lake Chamlane sic: at Île aux Noix near Lake Champlain, 24 Jun 1776] – I came home after my year was expired – I was paid and received my discharge from William Bratton [sic: William Bratton] Second Lutenant of the company. This discharge I lost, but does not know how–

About two years afterward I Inlisted again in Captain Ferrels Company which was known by the name 'Independant Company' we were chiefly Pennsylvanians – I was at the building of Fort Tuskarawis [sic: Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH near Tuscarawas River, constructed Nov 1778 - Jan 1779] under General [Lachlan] McIntosh. I was also in the Campaign commanded by General McIntosh which went to releive Col. [John] Gibson when Blockaded by the Indians – our company returned to Pittsburgh and soon after it was broke and divided one half of it was attached to the 8<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment, and the other half was attached to the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Virginia Line commanded by Col. Gibson. It was my lot to fall into the division last mentioned. My last Inlistment was for one year and when it was up, I received my pay and discharge from Col. Gibson in Pittsburgh. This discharge I have also lost I know not how.

About the ninteenth or twentieth of August one thousand eight hundred and eighteen a certain Fisher A Blacksom who lived in new Lisbon in the State of Oho, told me, that if I would give him a power of attorney, he would get me a pension, and deliver it to me in New Lisbon for eleven cents out of each dollar – I did give him such a power of Attorney, but he never gave me any money, as a pension. When I applied to him for it, his answer was "I could not get you put on the pension list."

I had purchased two hundred acres of land in Buttler [sic: Butler] county Pennsylvania, which I held by settlement – but having become surety for a friend who failed, Judgment went against me, and my land was sold for my friends debt.

My wife is old as well as my self, and we have no way or means of suporting our selves, but by our daily labour. My whole stock of cattle consiststs of one cow, five sheep, and seven small hoggs. I have not more than five dollars in cash – And I have no bank securities of any kind. I came to Mercer County, where I now reside, about one year and eight months ago. [signed] Alex'r Campbl

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Mercer county SS. [18 July 1828]

Before me Alex'r Wright a Judge of the court of Common Pleas for the said County of Mercer came James Ewing a Seargant in Captain Adams company sixth Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Col. William Irwin in the Revolutionary war. who being sworn on Oath saith, that Alexander Campbell the within applicant served with him one year in the same company commencing in the month of April 1776 to the best of Deponont's recollection.

We started under the command of Col. Irwin from Carlisle, and traveled through Philadelphia, New York, and Albany and eventually arrived at the three Rivers in Canada. Out object was to storm what we understod to be a small garrison – But when we came there, we understood there were seven or eight thousand men – It was thought adviseable not to attack it – We retreated – Came to an Island in Lake Champlain where our Captain Adams and some others were killed by the English or Indians – we came

to Crown Point, and stayed there until the British fleet came up – We then went to Tyconderogue [sic: Fort Ticonderoga] and crossed over to Mount Independence, and finally we returned to Carlisle. The said Alexander Campell and I were together through the campaign as already stated. [signed] James Ewing [Ewing made a similar statement on 19 Sep 1829.]

Armstrong County Ss [6 Aug 1829]

Before the subscriber one of the associate judges in and for the said county of Armstrong personally came Andrew McKee [pension application W3277] and being sworn according to law doth depose and say that he knew Alexander Campbell the above applicant to enlist in Captain Robert Adams's Company. he enlisted in the last of February or the first of March 1776 in the county of Cumberland and State of Pennsylvania he enlisted for the term of one year. the company commanded by Captain Adams was attach to the regiment command by Colonel William Irvine in the line of the state of Pennsylvania on the Continental establishment. This deponant saith he knew the said Alexander Campbell to serve in the said Corps until the year for which he enlisted was fully complete and ended. This deponant further saith that he enlisted in the same company with the said Campbel and served under the same officers with him for said term of one year and that they were discharged by Lieutenant William Bratten who then commanded said company, Captain Robert Adams having been killed at Lake Champlaign

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County of Mercer Ss Pennsylvania

on this seventeenth day of August 1829 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Mercer Alexander Campbell residint in said County aged seventy three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Alexander Campbell enlisted for the term of one year in the month of March 1776 in the state of Pennsylvania in the commanded by Captain Robert Adams in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Irvine in the line of the state of Pennsylvania on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about the first of April 1777 when he was discharged from the service in Carlisle in the state of Pennsylvania that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatesover to a pension except the present that his name is not on the pension Roll of any state and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension

In August 1818 he made an agreement with a certain Fisher A Blocksom of Columbiana County Ohio the said Blocksom was to procure the pension draw the money and pay it over to him and the said Blocksom was to have twelve & ½ per cent out of ever dollar as a compensation for his trouble – he waited about three years and three years and then he was told that a pension could not be procured. About four years after Mr Blocksom informed him that a pension could not be procured he employed a certain William McCluney of Charlestown Virginia to attend to his business relative to procuring a pension but before said McCluney had proceeded in the business he died, after the death of Mr McCluney he gave the matter up as hopeless and in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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

One Cow valued at	\$8.00
Six hogs	3.25

Six sheep	3.50
household furniture	<u>6.00</u>
	\$20.75

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property viz one horse that died and one cow that I killed for beef.

I have no trade the only way I have of making a living is day labour. I have become of late very much debilitated so much so that I am not able to do much work I have no family but my wife residing with me her name is Jane. She is 63 years old. She is much afflicted with Rheumatic pains and is seldom fit for any business

[signed] Alex'r Campbell

NOTE: On 31 July 1843 Jane Campbell, 87, of Blacklick Township near Blairsville in Indiana County PA, applied for a pension stating that she married Alexander Campbell on 2 Dec 1778, and he died 28 Feb 1842. On another document the date of her husband's death was said to have been 28 March 1842. On a document dated 20 June 1844 the widow signed as "Jeane Campbell," and on 13 May 1845 she signed as "Jeane Cambell." On 16 Dec 1848 Jane Campbell was said to be 88 years old and living in Westmoreland County PA. In the file are two letters referring to Jane Campbell as the sender's grandmother: one dated 22 June 1844 is from Samuel Palmer, and one dated 27 Jan 1848 is from H. D. Campbell.