

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cash W5894

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Georgia Henry County

On the [blank] day of November in the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting – John Cash a resident of Henry County in the Seventh District thereof, in the State of Georgia – aged seventy six, on the fifth day of April last, 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 Enlisted to go out, on what was called the Cherokee Expedition, on Holston River, about the long Islands [present Kingsport TN] – he enlisted for & during the expedition, he was in the service Three months from the time of enlistment, which was in the month of September [1776], until just before Christmass. he was enlisted in Amherst County in Virginia by Captain John Sayle [sic: John Sale] – James Franklin Lieutenant, & Jesse Allen, Ensign – he thinks William [William Jones] & Nicholas Jones were Sergeants. This company formed what was called a ranging or scouting party – there were no higher officers acting. This company had no serious[?] engagements – it followed & drove the scattered Indians – a small skirmish took place at Fort Chissell [Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County VA]; The Indian Towns were destroyed & the Country (generally) had been scoured of the Indians by previous larger forces – consequently the Compay returned home to Amherst County where this deponant was born & raised, & lived for six years after the Close of the revolution, & then moved into Bedford County Va in the vicinity of the Rev'd James Turner. lived there Thirteen years & moved into Elbert County Georgia & from thence here. – He marched with the Company by the Big lick in Bottetort [sic: present City of Roanoke, then in Botetourt County], Englishes Ferry on New River [sic: Ingles Ferry at present Radford] – Fort Chissell & from thence in various directions through the Country. during this last winter of 1832 his House was consumed by fire, consuming his discharge from Capt. Sayle – a Copy of an oath he made to serve the Country as was required His brother, Peter Cash [pension application R1781], of Dekalb County is acquainted with the circumstances of his enlistment & absence & return & who was a witness to other services rendered, as he will testify also Bartly Cash [Bartlett Cash, W4649], one of said Company, living yet, in Amherst County, Howard Cash of Habersham Georgia – Joseh Bond [sic: Joseph Bond] (residence not known, William Tyry [William Tyree] – John Smith, James Marder[?] – Edmund Hedges, David Belloo [possibly David Ballew].

Deponent was in Three Tours in the Militia of Virginia The militia was divided into numbers of Ten and were permitted to choose their numbers or were drafted. Deponent & his Brother Peter Cash (who was present when this statement was) chose Number Two – and went into the Militia Service, at the Barracks near Charlottesville [sic: Charlottesville] in albemarle – served one month – he served under James Pamplain [sic: James Pamplin] Capt. – Col. [Francis] Taylor was the Commander of the Garrison. there were no written discharges given, the Counties of Albemarle & Amherst had charge of the Barracks where were confined the prisoners of Burgoyne defeated army [surrendered at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777 and held at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781] who were afterwards removed to Winchester Virginia. Deponent cannot recollect any other officers

again Deponent, served, under the same Division, was counted as minute men under Samuel Hickingbottom [sic: Samuel Higginbotham] (Capt.) – James Ware, Lieut't, & Jo. Staples [Joseph Staples] Ensign. This Company marched through Albemarle, Fluvanna & Goochland Counties to Richmond Va. & took charge of the Artillery Capt. John Barnetts company marched with Hickingbottom to Richmond & from thence to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg]. This Company (Hickingbottoms) remained at Richmond,

until the expiration of the monthly Tour & were dismissed by Companys) until called again into service under Capt. Pamplain – marched to Jamestown having first joined the main army under General [Robert] Lawson at the Ground Squirrel Bridge [on South Anna River 20 mi above Richmond], was in hearing of the firing of the Battle of Jamestown [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] – next night after the Battle marched by moon shine to the Battleground, were first upon & retreated passt Hickory Nutt Church [sic: Hickorynut Church 8 mi NW of Williamsburg], where wounded persons were receiving aid, from thence to Mobbin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], from thence through Richmond to New Castle upon Pamunkey River [sic: present Old Church on Pamunkey River] & there met Col. Samuel Cabble then lately exchanged from British Confinement [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell, captured at Charleston SC on 12 May 1780]. About this time, General Lawson from some misconduct was deprived of his sword and his Command given to General Stevens [see endnote] – from Newcastle deponent was marched towards York. a Relief from Amherst overtook them at the Prickly Pair [Prickly Pear?] old field where he was discharged with others on the fourteenth day of the August immediately preceding the Capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], in October Deponent received a written discharge which was burned up as before mentioned on the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec’r. 1831 when Deponent lost nearly all his property. Deponent was on a trip after salt to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] when an express came for his division to go to York. By which absence he missed being present at the taking of Cornwallis. Deponent is known by the Rev’d James Gamble, John Lamar, Doctors Jacob Stokes & Francis C. Manson  
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, & further that with the exception for the Cherokee Tour, he has never received one cent for his services & that nothing but old age & necessity arising from infirmity of himself & an [illegible word] helpless female family induces now to make a call upon the generosity of his Country  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year afores’d [signed] John Cash

Georgia Henry County

Before me Thomas D. Johnston a Justice of the peace for said County John Cash the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing declaration who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade – For Eight months I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension. I was engaged Three months more in driving hogs, Cattle & sheep to the Barracks at Charlottesville Virginia. in gathering & storing grain for the army. And for such service I claim a pension. This deponent says that besides these active services he was so much engaged in variarious duties, from the time of his being plac’d in the minute rolls. that he performed not more than half labour for himself.  
Sworn & subscribed before me this 3 day of May 1833 [signed] John Cash

NOTES:

Brig. Gen. Robert Lawson still commanded the Second Militia Brigade at the Siege of Yorktown.

In the file is a copy of an appeal to “The citizens of McDonough,” informing them that on the previous day fire had consumed the house and some furniture of John Cash, “an aged infirm man [who] is unable to Labour – has a helpless wife they are supported by the industry of his Daughters,” followed by the names of 20 citizens, who had each contributed \$0.50, \$1.00, or \$2.00.

On 15 March 1845 Lucy Cash of Pike County GA, born on 3 March 1760, applied for a pension stating that she was married to John Cash on 23 Jan 1782 by a traveling minister at the home of Charles Rose in Amherst County. She understood that John Cash was born on 26 April nearly three years before her (1757). She stated that after the marriage they continued to live in Amherst County for seven years, then lived in Bedford County for 13 years, then moved to Georgia about 1802 and lived in Elbert County

until 1829, when they moved to Henry County, where they lived until his death on 13 Aug 1836.

On 18 Jan 1848 William Cash of De Kalb County GA, who would be 85 on the following 14 Feb, certified that his brother, John Cash, who was about four years older than he was, married Lucy Campbell. He stated that he was certain that the marriage occurred before 1794 (as required by the pension act) because he, himself, was married on 1 June 1781, and that John Cash was married in the winter or spring of 1782. He also stated that John Cash was married before the birth of his oldest child Effey Cash, who was born 3 May 1783. On 5 Sep 1850 James Cash stated that he was born on 6 Nov 1784, according to the family record in his father's Bible, which was burned in his father's house near McDonough in Henry County GA, and that his earliest memory of his father was of his riding into James River on a white mare and using an axe to break the ice during their move from Amherst to Bedford County. On 9 June 1851 in Pike County Nancy Cash and Mary Cash stated that they remembered the death of their father, John Cash, in August of 1836 or 1837, that their mother died in January 1848, and that they and James Cash of Campbell County GA were the only children known to be living. They stated that their brother, Stephen Cash, had moved to Mississippi two years before and had not been heard from since, and that Mary Cash was the youngest child at age 50. On 16 March 1853 the ages were given as follows: James Cash, 69; Nancy Cash, 61; and Mary Cash, 52.