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Pension Application of Owen Campbell W6620

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State of Virginia }

Culpeper County } S.S.

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the justices of the Court of Culpeper County now sitting, Owen Campbell a resident of Page County State of Virginia lately resident of Culpeper County Virginia, 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 he volunteered in a company commanded by Capt John Lillard from the County of Culpeper Virginia, and rendezvoused at Culpeper Courthouse some time in the year 1777, the precise time not now recollected and was marched to Pennsylvania, and joined the Army under the command of General Washington, a short time before the Battle of Brandywine was fought [11 Sep 1777], that the command to which he belonged, was that day placed as a guard to the baggage, that after the Battle, was marched to a place called Chesnut Hill, a short distance North of Philedepha [sic: Chestnut Hill near Philadelphia], and remained at that place untill he was discharged, the service – his recollection of this service is not very distinct, He does not recollect who commanded the Regiment to which he belonged, nor the length of time, which he was in service – though remembers distinctly that the weather was very cold, when he crossed the Susquehanna River on his return home, as many of the soldiers were without shoes, and of his and their sufferings on account of the want of shoes and their clothing, he believes this tour he must have rendered upwards of three months sevice. That he drafted some time in the early part of the winter of 1778 (from the best of his recollection), in a company commanded by Captain Cain[?] from the County of Culpeper Virginia, and was marched into the adjoining County of Fauquier and met the British prisoners captured at Saratoga [on 17 Oct 1777; brought to Virginia at the end of 1778], in that county, and marched as a guard to the same to the Albemarle Barracks, in the County of Albemarle in the County of Albemarle under the command of Col James Barbour of Culpeper County, and remained at the Barracks untill he was discharged, which service was two months at least – Col Harvey the commanding officer at the Barracks [see endnote]. That he performed a tour of two months of service under the command of Captain Elijah Kirtley from the county of Culpeper in the year 1778 [sic: 1779] gratuitously for a brother who was married, and had a family, and who is Dead, at the Albemarle Barracks guarding the british prisoners stationed at that place. – That he was drafted in the year 1781, and was marched to Fredericksburg Virginia thence to the Bowlinggreen [Bowling Green] in a company commanded by Captain Armistead White, from the County of Culpeper, and joined the Regiment commanded by Col. John Thruston from said County, this term was denominated the running tour, which originated from an alarm, occasioned by a sudden clap of thunder, in the night when very dark , and while on the march, a cry of Tarlton [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, whose Legion was notorious for lightning raids], and the British light Horse, our Artillery Horses having become frightened from the lightning and thunder, broke and run, which caused a belief that we were attacked by the british Light horse, causing such a panic, that the troops were dispersed untill daylight. Continued our march to York Town, where he was at the Siege of Cornwallis [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and after the surrender of the enemy, marched to Winchester Virginia, with the British prisoners, at which place was discharged that he was upwards of three months in actual service this tour, that, he served in all upwards of Ten months. That he can prove several of the Tours, which he performed as set forth in this Declaration by living witnesses. 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.

He further declares that he was born and raised in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia and has so continued to reside until a few years past when he removed to the adjoining County of Page, that the persons acquainted with his service live in the County of Culpeper, that they are old and infirm, and he fears that he cannot procure their testimony before a court of record. Owen hisXmark Campbell And the Court proceeded to put the following interrogatories which were answered as follows.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

In the County of Culpeper – Don't know the year that he was born.

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

I know of no record of my age

3rd Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Lived in the County of Culpeper when called into service during the Revolutionary War. At present reside in Page County Virginia.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

First volunteered, at subsequent times was drafted, with the exception of a tour I performed for a Brother

5th State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops, where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you recollect, and the general Circumstances of your service

I have set forth in my Declaration, the General Circumstances of my service. Have not a distinct recollection of officers General Washington, General LaFayette, General E Stevens I recollect.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

I never received a written discharge that I recollect, the General discharge was by a verbal order.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I refer to Mr Daniel Triplett, John Lillard, Timsby Sisk and Captain Robert Pulliam.

[Reubin Rosson (pension application S6016) certified that he had served several tours with Campbell.]

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This day Captain Robert Pulliam personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia, and made Oath in due form of law, that he has been acquainted with Thomas Pulliam dec'd. an applicant for a pension [application S5955] from his infancy, that he said Robert Pulliam is sixty five years of age, and of his own knowledge knows, that said Thomas Pulliam served in the Revolutionary War, that said Thomas Pulliam was born and raised in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia, where he ever continued to live untill his death in the same neighbourhood with this affiant and that the said Thomas Pulliam departed this life the latter part of the month of September 1832. And this affiant farther certifies that he is well acquainted with Owen Campbell, that they were born and raised in the same neighbourhood, and that he knows that Owen Campbell entered the army in the Revolutionary War that they were during the war of the Revolution going to School together, Campbell then a man grown, and that he distinctly recollects of Campbell leaving the School to go in the army which he believes was in the year 1781. Given under my hand this 19th day of January 1833.

NOTES:

There was no Col. Harvey at Albemarle Barracks. Delegate John Harvie donated land for the

barracks, which were constructed under the supervision of his brother, Richard Harvie.

On 10 Aug 1840 Jemima Campbell, 75, of Rappahannock County VA, applied for a pension stating that as Jemima Lear she married Owen Campbell in the fall of 1780, and he died on 27 Oct 1836. The file includes a copy of a minister's return of the marriage of "Owen Cammel & Jemimah Lear" on 30 Nov 1787. On 1 March 1845 Jessee L. Campbell certified that Jemima Campbell was still a widow.