

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Cameron W6624

Rachel Cameron

VA

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

At a Court held for Bath County in the State of Virginia at the Courthouse thereof on the 12th day of March 1839 —

On this 12th day of March 1839 personally appeared in open Court Rachel Cameron a resident of this County, aged Sixty seven years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Charles Cameron decd. who was a Lieutenant in the army of the American Revolution, that her said husband was attached to the tenth Virginia Regiment of the Continental line, Commanded by Col. Stevens [Edward Stevens VAS1922] that he entered the service on the 3rd day of December 1776 and that he resigned his Commission and left the service on the 3rd day of January 1778 as will appear by reference to the archives of the War Department at Washington; that he lived in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia when he entered the service, the Company to which he was attached during his said tour in the Regular Army was commanded by Capt John Symms [sic: John Syme] and as she was informed by her said husband, he was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777]. She further states that after her said husband retired from the regular Army as above stated, he about the beginning of the year 1781 or close of the year 1780, was drafted into the service of the State of Virginia, as a Captain of Militia, and marched with his Company from the County of Augusta in the State aforesaid, where he resided, and performed a tour of three months in the lower part of the State, the Regiment to which he was attached was under the command of Col. Sampson Matthews [Sampson Mathews VAS2023] of the Virginia Militia, the lieutenant of his Company was William Anderson; and the Ensign was Robert Christian. That after he returned from his said last mentioned tour, he again during the same year entered the service of the State of Virginia as a Captain of a Volunteer Company of Cavalry, that he marched again to the lower part of the State, and was in the Battle of James Town on James River [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], and that during the said Battle he acted as adjutant to the Regiment. That Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Col. Sampson Matthews, and the Brigade was under the command of General [William] Campbell, during his last tour he was two months in the service. After the Battle of James Town he was placed in command of Captain John Brown's Company, the latter of whom having been taken prisoner in the said Battle, the lieutenant in the said last mentioned Company was Robert Thompson [S6221] also of the County of Augusta aforesaid. he was during this tour about two months in the service of the State of Virginia. That after her said husband returned from the last mentioned tour of duty he was by the Governor of Virginia to Wit in the year 1782 appointed a Commissary or Commissioner for the district of Virginia composed of the Counties of Augusta Rockingham and Rockbridge to furnish supplies to the diferent stations in western Virginia & in aid of the Recruiting service of the United States — that he was engaged in the last mentioned service between twelve and Eighteen months — The only documentary evidence she has in support of this last mentioned service are the letters addressed to him by the then Governor of Virginia Benjamine Harrison [Benjamin Harrison] & other officers of the State Government which she will forward with this Declaration to the War Department she does not recollect the precise period at which he left the last service, but she thinks the period he was engaged therein was as above stated — She further Declares that she was married to the said Charles Cameron on the 3rd day of May 1792 as appears by the Marriage Register of this County, that her said husband died on the 14th day of July 1829 in the Seventy seventh year of his age, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the year Seventeen hundred and Ninety Four viz at the time above stated.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court

Rachel Cameron

And also appeared this day in open Court Robert Thompson aged Eighty Two years and made oath in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with Charles Cameron dec'd lat of this County, whose widow hath this day, made her Declaration in order to obtain a pension, that in the year 1781 he served as Lieutenant in a Company of Virginia Militia, in the War of the American Revolution, commanded by the said Charles Cameron who was then a Captain, that they were residents of the County of Augusta, and the Company to which they were attached was drafted from the said County of Augusta in the State of Virginia, for a three months tour, when the Company marched into the service it was commanded by John Brown as a Captain, who being taken prisoner by the British at the Battle of James Town in Va, the said Charles Cameron who was at that time in the Army as a Captain of Cavalry was after the said John Brown was taken prisoner as aforesaid placed in the command of the said John Brown's Company; during the Battle of James Town the said Charles Cameron acted as adjutant of the Regiment; the Regiment was commanded by Col. Matthews and the Brigade by General Campbell the said Company served out the Tour of three months and was discharged – during nearly the whole of the said tour the said Charles Cameron was in command of the said Company the said affiant further states, that the said Charles Cameron some time previous to the above mentioned period, was a Lieutenant in the regular service, in the War of the American Revolution; but the precise period of his service as such he does not now recollect; he further states that after the said Charles Cameron returned from the tour of service first above mentioned, he was by the Governor of Virginia appointed Commissary for the Augusta, Rockingham, and Rockbridge district, to Wit, in the year 1782 and that he acted as such for about Eighteen months, during a part of which period said affiant states that he acted under the said Charles Cameron as an Agent in the transportation of provisions for the benefit of the Militia and other soldiers, Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

Robert Thompson

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 17th day of June 1783, in the name of Charles Cameron, as a Lieutenant of infantry for £56.9.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this

24th day of November 1832. [signed] Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

In Council 12th December 1782

The Governor having laid before the Board a letter from Charles Cameron representing the [indecipherable word] of disposing of some old rifle Barrels & some public representing the [undeciphered word] of disposing of some old Rifle Barrels & some public timber which was designed by the Artificers for making of wagons - It is advised that the said Cameron be directed to dispose of the above mentioned Articles for specie, or civil list specie warrants–

[signed] Benj Harrison

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Springfield February 27th 1832

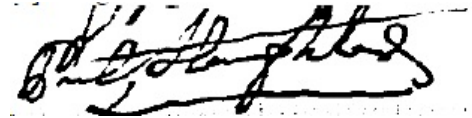
Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th [?] Instant came duly to hand, requesting me to give you all the Information I possess'd respecting your Father's Military Services, when he Enter'd the Army & when he left it. I became acquainted with your Father at Middlebrook in New Jersey about the month of June 1777. He was then a Lieutenant in the Tenth Va Continental Regiment Commanded by Colo Edward Stevens. I think he remain'd with us only the Campaign of 1777 & as well as I recollect, he was at the

Battles of Brandywine, & Germantown in Sept. & October 1777 – I have no recollection at what time he left the Army, nor whether he resign'd, or came to Va as a supernumary officer. We were in Different Brigades, & but seldom together. I was in Gen'l [William] Woodford's Brigade & your Father in Gen'l Weedon's [George Weedon BLWt2418-850] Brigade. Consequently we were but seldom together. I am sorry I am not able to give you more satisfactory information. I wou'd recommend you to apply to Gen'l Robert Porterfield [S8965] near Waynesborough, in Augusta County - he served to the Close of the War & I Expect knows more about the Revolutionary officers than any person, I know, now living - Accept my sincere Wishes for your Success & believe me to be

[To] [illegible] Cameron Esq

Yr M Obt Servt
[?] Slaughter



[p 7] Bath County August 11th 1832

I Robert Thompson of Bath County and State of Virginia do hereby Certify that I have been intimately acquainted with the late Charles Cameron Deceased of the County and state aforesaid: that said Charles Cameron volunteered as a Captain in the Malitia at the time that Charlottesville was taken by the British [6 Jun 1781] that I went into the service with said Cameron that we fell in with the British at Hot water [Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, 26 Jun 1781] then we [several words too faint to discern] at James town at which place Capt John Brown was taken prisoner and that said Cameron was transfered to the Command of said Brown's Company (the reason of his having been transfered was that he was to have Commanded a Company of mounted Rifles - which company failed to be completed) and that I Robert Thompson acted as a Lieutenant in said Brown's Company and that I knew the said Cameron at that time to have been a supernumary officer a Lieutenant in the Continental service. Given under my hand & seal this 11th day of August 1832

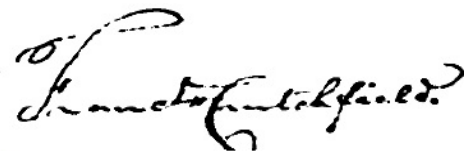


[p. 6] Virginia, Falling Springs Valley, Allegheny County, 19th Sepr 1832

In the year 1779 I first became acquainted with Col Charles Cameron, later of Bath County: – my Acquaintance, with him, continued, until the Time of his Death, and had grown into Habits of personal Intimacy when I first knew Col Cameron, he was a 1st Lieutenant, in the regular, revolutionary Army of the United States of America, and was a supernumerary Officer. When young General LaFayette was invested with supreme Command, in this State, against Lord Cornwallis, he generally called out the Militia of the State, to his Aid, and a Number of supernumerary Officers joined him, and took Command in the Militia in, agreeably to their several Ranks; among others, Col Cameron took the Command of Captain, & I served under him. After the Close of the War and Consummation of peace, with Great Britain, he received the Appointment of Col of Bath County, in which County, he ended his Days.

Fifty three years have elapsed, since my first Acquaintance, with Col Cameron, - so that it is out of my Power to exhibit any Evidence, or Evidences of the Truth of my assertions herein stated; - but the above Statement is made from long-standing, uniform Impression, which I, without any manner of hesitation, believe to be strictly and correctly true. Given under my hand on the Day above written.

Francis Crutchfield



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A List

Geo. Gernick [George Gernick]

Wm Baxter [William Baxter]

Geo. [undeciphered]

John McMullin

Wm Foster [William Foster]

Jos. Hart [Joseph Hart]

Franciss Leabeur [Francis Leabeur]

Alx'r Bell [Alexander Bell]

Thos. Strange [Thomas Strange]

Danl. Oharrow [Daniel Oharrow = Daniel O'Hara?]

Thos. Seaton [Thomas Seaton W8710]

Franciss Howard [Francis Howard]

John Fitzsimons [John Fitzsimmons]

Dunkin McCaster [Duncan McCaster, possibly Duncan McCarty or Duncan McCarthy]

Jas[?] Whiter [James Whiter]

Jno. Robbins [John Robbins]

David Price

Chas. Jones [Charles Jones]

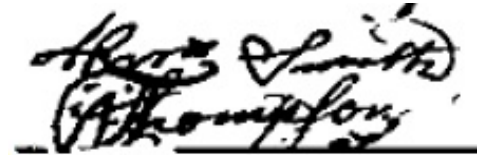
Chas. Consolvant [Charles Consolvant]

Wm Jones [William Jones]

We Certify that We Received the Above Mentioned Men Enlisted By Lieut Chas. Cameron In Captain John Syme Company of Regulars And Looked Upon them As Able Bodied men fitting for Soldiers And Rec'd them this first Day Feb'y 1777

Abr[?] Smith [Abraham Smith?]

[?] Thompson

Handwritten signatures of Abraham Smith and John Thompson, written in cursive ink. The signatures are positioned to the right of the names listed in the text above.

NOTES:

In the federal pension file: On 28 Jan 1833 Andrew W. Cameron was awarded bounty land as the only child of Charles Cameron. On 28 Oct 1834 J. Letcher, a neighbor, deposed that Rachel Cameron was living with her son, "Col. Andrew W. Cameron." A copy of the marriage record shows that Charles Cameron married Rachel Warwick in Bath County. An 1839 letter from her daughter, A. W. Cameron of Bath Courthouse, also gives the maiden name as Warwick. A 1929 letter from Miss N. C. Lee of Pittsburgh PA refers to her grandmother as Rachael Primrose Cameron who moved from Bath County to Lexington VA. It states that Charles Cameron had been a soldier at the Battle of Point Pleasant on 10 Oct 1774, and that "before going to Warm Springs [he] also lived at Lewisburg Greenbrier Co. WV & in Augusta Co Va."

In the Virginia bounty-land file: Pages 8 and 9 are the commission of Charles Cameron as "Commissioner to the District of Rockbridge Augusta & Rockingham" signed by Gov. Benjamin Harrison on 29 April 1832, but it is not legible enough for transcription. Pages 19-23 are copies of a payroll for Capt. John Syme's company for Dec. 1776 - June 1777 and a muster roll of Syme's company for September 1777. These are posted separately as roster B107 <http://revwarapps.org/b107.pdf>.