

Revolutionary War Pension Application Of William Campbell Transcribed by Muriel Brewer

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War Department,
Pension Office,
August 5, 1829

Sir

The papers in support of the claim of William Campbell are herewith returned for amendment. The claimant states that he served in the regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg until 1778. That officer did not command a regiment in that year. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General the preceding year. The statement of Enoch Job, the witness in this case is probably true. Colonel Abraham Bowman did perhaps succeed Muhlenberg in the command. The declaration of Campbell is otherwise objectionable. The Paper on which it is written, is attached by wafer to the Clerks certificate. The declaration and certificate, must Be written on one sheet, and the clerk's seal must be Impressed on that sheet also.

I am respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.
James L. Edwards

Robert P. Clark, Esq
Boonville,
Cooper County
Missouri

Schedule of the property of William Campbell the foregoing declarant owned by him On the 17th June 1828 with the debts due to Him at the same time.

(7)? Head of hogs—large and small
Six head of cattle—large and small
1 mare 10 years old—worth perhaps 30cents
1 saddle in use ten years
2 old ploughs and old gear

2 pots and a pot trammill
1 bed and bedding
½ doz pewter plates and the dish
1 pot and 1 oven

A debt due from Robert Hammer of three Dollars and another from Samuel Beaty of Two dollars

His
William Campbell
Mark

State of Missouri
County of Cooper

Robert P. Clark, clerk
Of the circuit court within and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that it Appears to the satisfaction of the court that the said William Campbell did serve In the Revolutionary War as stated in the Preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of two years. Under one engagement, on the continental Establishment, I also certify, that the foregoing Oath, and the schedule there to annexed, are Truly copied from the records of the said Court, that the total amount in value Of the property exhibited in the foresaid schedule is ninety dollars and seventy five cents---

In testimony whereof I have
Hereto set my hand and seal
Of the said court this
Seventeenth day of June in
The year of our Lord
Eighteen hundred and
Twenty eight, and of this state
The eighth and of the in-
Dependence of the United
States the fifty second—

Robt. P. Clark
Clk

County of Cooper

On this 17th day of June in the year 1828 personally appears in the Circuit Court for the County of Cooper in the state of Missouri in open court before the judge thereof this same being a court of record Created by the constitution of the said state of Missouri William Campbell resident in said county of Cooper. Aged seventy five years

on the fifth day of March last. 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 act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said William Campbell enlisted for the term of two years sometime in the month of February in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain George Slaughter in the regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment—that he continued to serve In said corps until sometime in the month of February seventeen hundred and seventy eight—when he was discharged from service in the state of Pennsylvania. Said declarant does not recollect the precise day of his enlistment or discharge—that he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to pension whatever except the present—that his name is not on the roll of any State except that of Virginia—and that his reason for not making earlier application for a pension are as follow—he states that about ten years ago he understood that he was entitled to a pension according to laws then in force from the United States—that he employed an attorney at law to obtain said pension for him—that he pursued the directions given him by his said attorney who kept all the documents which were drawn out by him to forward to the city of Washington –that he was informed some time afterwards by his said attorney that his application was unsuccessful and that since that time until the present he has not made application being discouraged by result of his first one and having at all time but a confused idea of the laws in force on the subject of pensions and to the method necessary to be pursued under them to obtain one—and being generally too poor to pay others to undertake to obtain one for him—and in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the territory(now state) of Missouri - on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift Sale or in any manner deposed of my property or any Part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring Myself written 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 [...?] 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 which is contained In the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed And that since the 18th day of March 1818 there Has been no changes in his property—having had most of The property named in his schedule at that time except the usual changes by breeding in his stock of cattle and hogs the increase of which he has generally Himself used—said William Campbell does not Reside at any home or place of his own but usually stays with a grandson named Bradly Campbell who is aged about 22 years and who is not able to contribute much to the support of this declarant as the said Bradly has likewise his mother living with him who is A widow to support—the said declarant states That is by occupation a farmer—but he is [...?] By unable to work—and has not worked any For three or four years—being very old and infirm And having

likewise sustained an injury in his Shoulder which renders him incapable of much by daily exertion

his
William Campbell
mark

On the day aforesaid
Sworn to in open court by William Campbell
David Todd, Judge

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