
Pension Application for Thomas Campbell, Camble, Cammel

R.1646

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this sixth day of October, personally appeared in open court before the Judge [sic] of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Madison, aforesaid now sitting Thomas Campbell, a resident of the Town of Sullivan in the County of Madison & State of New York, aged sixty seven years on the 12th day of March last past, 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That in the forepart of the month of August in the year 1781, he enlisted into the company of Captain Garret Putman, (1) belonging to the Regiment of Colo. Marinus Willett, for the term of four months. That he, at the time he entered the service then resided in the town of Florida in the County of Montgomery & State of New York, Victor Putman Lieutenant in the company & Gerret Newkirk ensign. (2) That in the fore part of this enlistment, he was stationed at Fort Hunter, & in the latter part at Fort Plank, Fort Plain, & Fort Clyde, all situated upon the borders of the Mohawk River; in the state aforesaid. That this applicant was in the battle at Johnstown (3) in the County of Montgomery. That the battle took place in the month of October, 1781, but the day of the month this applicant from his own memory cannot state. That at the time of the battle he was stationed at Fort Plank aforesaid. That the day before the battle this applicant had been on a scouting party into the town of Sharon in the County of Schoharie, that he returned to Fort Plain aforesaid in the evening & started immediately for Johnstown & arrived at Johnstown in the afternoon of the next day—That after the said battle this applicant marched to the German Flatts upon the said Mohawk River where he remained about two days & then returned to Fort Plank & remained there until he was discharged—That he received a written discharge from Major Throop (4) who belonged to the Regiment of Colo. Willett. That the discharge is lost. That he served the full term of his enlistment to wit, four months.

Capt. Moody (5) had command of a company of artillery, belonging to the Continental establishment, which was stationed at Fort Plain—Capt. Gross (6) was also stationed at Fort Plain, with a company of nine months men.

That this deponent does not recollect the names of any officers other than the ones above named, excepting Capt. Harrison. (7) Maj. Ross had command of the British forces at the Johnstown battle. This deponent further recollects that Maj. Rowley (8) was at the Johnstown Battle & had command of the New England troops—That he has no documentary evidence of his services & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, other than what accompanys this declaration.

That in the year 1782 this deponent volunteered & entered the service at various & different times—Mostly into the company of militia commanded by Capt. McMaster; which was stationed or quartered at Fort McMaster, in the Town of Florida, aforesaid. Capt. McMaster's (9) company belonged to the regiment of Colo. Fisher, as this claimant believes—That his services in the year 1782 was confined to the summer & fall of that year That this claimant would be in actual service sometimes for a week or ten days & at other times more & sometimes less & then would return home & remain until he was called into service again—This deponent cannot state more particularly the precise times, or the length thereof, but is

positive that whole time, that his service in the summer & fall of the year 1782, would amount in the aggregate to four months & so states the facts to be—that this claimant received no written discharge from the company of Capt. McMaster—That at one time when this claimant was called out, within the fort above four months he, together with Capt. McMaster & the most of his company marched to Johnstown aforesaid & took a man by the name of Parker, (10) a spy, a prisoner, who was afterwards executed as a spy at Albany.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

This claimant further swears that he was born in the town of Florida aforesaid on the 12th day of March 1767 as he has been informed by his parents & believes the same to be true.

That he has no record of his age.

That he was living in the Town of Florida aforesaid at the time & times when he entered the service—That since the Revolutionary War Thomas resided in the said Town of Florida, & in the town of Cherry Valley & in the Town of Sullivan aforesaid, where I now reside, & have resided for the space of twenty five years last past.

That I entered the service both under an enlistment & as a volunteer.

I cannot state the names of the regular officers who were with the troops when I served or the Continental & militia regiments, & the general circumstances of my service then or more particulars than I have herein before stated.

I received a written discharge from Maj. Throop. The discharge is lost.

I am known to Asa Cady, David Kennedy, Jonas Brown & Francis Hunt, persons who reside in my present neighborhood, & who can testify as to my character for veracity, & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Thomas Campbell

Sworn to & subscribed this [blank] day of October 1834 before me. A. S. Sloan, Clk.

End Notes—R.1646—Thomas Campbell

1. Garret Putman was appointed Captain on April 27, 1781 in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. On Captain Putman's Receipt roll Thomas was owed £10. . 3. .4 which was never paid. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, Folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Victor Putman and Garret Newkirk were appointed lieutenants on the same date and were assigned to Captain Putman's Company.
3. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781.
4. Josiah Throop was appointed major on April 28, 1781 in Willett's Regiment.
5. Captain Andrew Moody of the Second Continental Artillery Regiment. Captain Moody and his company were stationed in the Mohawk Valley in 1781 and were in the Battle of Johnstown and some went with Willett in pursuit of Major John Ross and were in the skirmish at West Canada Creek on October 30, 1781.
6. Captain Lawrence Gross of Willett's Regiment and was also in the Battle of Johnstown.
7. Joseph Harrison was appointed captain on April 28, 1781 in Willett's Regiment.
8. Aaron Rowley was major of Colonel Elisha Porter's Regiment of the Massachusetts State Levies in 1781. Rowley was wounded in the leg at the Battle of Johnstown.
9. David McMaster was the Captain of the Sixth Company in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Thomas was only 14 in 1781 but his father must have had his father's permission to enlist as he was under 16 years of age. The only Campbells found in McMaster's Company as serving were John and Samuel as privates and Nathaniel as a sergeant.

10. John Parker. He lived in Philadelphia Bush which is now Perth, Fulton County, New York. Parker enlisted as a private on May 6, 1777 in the First Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York commanded by Sir John Johnson.