

## Pension Application for James Campbell

S.2110

State of Pennsylvania

County of Tioga SS.

On this thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court in the Circuit Court of Pennsylvania for Tioga County now in session James Campbell a resident of Richmond Township in the said County of Tioga & State of Pennsylvania aged sixty nine years & upwards 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 as near as he recollects in the month of March A.D. one thousand seven hundred & eighty one being then seventeen years old & upwards. That he enlisted under Pliny Moore at Nobeltown then Luzerne County in the State of New York – that Pliny Moore was a Lieutenant in Capt. Job Wright's (1) Company in which company this deponent served—that said company belonged to Col. Marinus Willett's regiment of New York State Levies. That said Regiment was stationed at Fort Plain on the Mohawk River about twenty miles as near as this deponent recollects before the mouth of West Canada Creek nearly the whole of the time this deponent was engaged in the service—deponent was with the troops that marched from Fort Plain near the close of the Revolutionary war to take the fort at Oswego. (2)

Two regiments were out on this expedition—a Rhode Island (3) regiment & then one to which this deponent belonged—It was made during the winter before the army was disbanded. The country through which the troops passed was wild at that time & they endured great difficulties & privations. The river was open when the troops arrived at Oswego & being unable to cross they returned immediately—being absent from Fort Plain as near as this deponent recollects about eleven days. Many of them had their feet frozen & were suffering for want of food. This deponent well recollects that during this expedition he was three days without any sustenance except the buds picked from trees. Col. Willett's Regiment was not ordered out on any other actual service while this deponent belonged to it but was stationed at Fort Plain as a frontier guard—This deponent continued in the service from the time of his enlistment until he was discharged at Fort Stanwix in December (4) as he believes of the year peace was proclaimed. Sometime after the Continental troops were discharged & assigns as a [resident?] why he was not sooner discharged. Then building of a blockhouse (5) at or near Fort Stanwix by part of the troops of Col. Willett's regiment who were retained as this deponent believes for that purpose—This deponent has no documentary evidence which as he believes would be useful in the investigations of his claim—nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

Deponent has been informed (this he knows not the fact) that the enrollment of the troops of Col. Willett's Regiment is on file in the War department at Washington & if it is on file confidently believes his name will be found there.

To the several interrogatories propound by the war department to be put by the court to applicants, this deponent says

1. That he was born in the Town of Glasgow, Berkshire County Massachusetts on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1763 said town as deponent has been informed is not called Blanford—
2. That there is a record of his age in the Town Books of Glasgow where he was born & also in his father's bible now in possession of his mother who is still living in Bradford County & is eighty eight years of age.
3. That he lived in Nobletown Luzerne County New York when called into service that he enlisted for the period of three years but was discharged in consequence of the disbanding of the army when peace was concluded, having served only as he believes about two years & nine months.—That after he was discharged he returned to Nobletown & resided there two or three years—that he then came to Pennsylvania & settled at [Shesbegin?] in Luzerne now Bradford County about 8 ms [miles] below Tioga Point—lived there about 4 years – [?] to Logan Creek—then to Luzerne now Bradford County—remained there until about eight years ago when he removed to Richmond Township in Tioga County where he has remained since.
4. (This interrogatory was fully answered in the former part of the Declaration)—
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6. That he had a written discharge handed him by his Captain – Job Wright at the time the troops were discharged after the building of the blockhouse at or near Fort Stanwix. That he gave said discharge to a man by the name of James Evory in order to get the arrears owe him for his services at New York & the said Evory has not since returned it to him & that he does not know where it now is.
7. That he is known to Ephriam B. Gerrolds, Col. Samuel Satterlee, Thomas Dyer, Elder Whitehead & Ebenezer Jackson & c.

And this deponent 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. (Signed) James Campbell

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid, Jonah Brewster Clk. C. C.

Response to a letter of inquiry dated December 15, 1930.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.2110, that James Campbell was born April 16, 1763 in Glasgow (afterwards called Blandford), Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

While a resident of Nobletown, New York, he enlisted in March 1781 and served as a private in captain Job Wright's Company, Colonel Marinus Willett's New York Regiment and was discharged in December 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 30, 1832, at which time he was living in Richmond Township, Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

In 1832 he stated that his mother, her name not given, was then eighty-eight years old and living in Bradford, state not named.

In 1834, the soldier was living in Green County, Ohio.

There is no reference to either wife or children.

The above history is that of the only James Campbell who served with the New York Troops, found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

End Notes—S.2110—James Campbell

1. Job Wright was appointed on April 28, 1781 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies.
2. Willett's Expedition to take Fort Oswego was in February of 1783.
3. The First Rhode Island Continental Regiment along with part of Willett's Regiment some Tryon County Militia and a few Oneidas amounting to about 500 men.
4. According to Captain Wright's Muster and Pay Roll of r1783, James Campbell had served eight months having hired Francis Holmes as his substitute (or to serve in his place). Campbell had been paid £26..0..60 and was owed £26..0..60. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
5. As the remnants of Fort Schuyler or Fort Stanwix, was abandoned in May of 1781, there was no longer any fortification in that part of the Mohawk Valley to station troops to guard against raiding parties. Captain Jonathan Pearce (Percy, Pearsy, etc.) of Colonel Willett's Regiment with a detachment in the summer of 1783 was sent to what became known as Pearce's Island to build a blockhouse.