

Pension Application for John Campbell

S.12667

State of Ohio

Cuyahoga County SS.

On this 4th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Supreme Court of said state now sitting in said county John Campbell a resident of Chagrin township in the County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio aged seventy years on the 11th day of May 1832 who being 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the year 1778 in the month of August he was drafted as a militia man (he was then living in Nobletown Albany County now called Hillsdale and attached to Columbia County) and was put into a company commanded by Capt. VanAlstine (1), Lieut Fonda and was marched to Johnstown and served one month the company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. John Harper (2). In the month of September in the year 1779 he entered as a volunteer in a company commanded by Capt. McGonegal, Lieut. Vaughan in Col. Beebees (3) Regiment (New York Militia) for a term of three months, said Regiment & also one or two other Regiments lay at Fishkill two or three miles east of Hudson River. That he was discharged after a service of about six weeks. That Gov. Clinton was there when the troops were discharged.

That in the year 1780 in the month of March he enlisted for a term of nine months in Capt. Walter Vroom [Vrooman's] Company (4), Lieut Bateman (5) in Col. John Harpers Regiment in May in the same year the Regiment marched to Herkimer there in the same month. He enlisted into the continental line under Capt. Titus (6), Lieut. Tuttle to serve the remainder of the nine months and fifteen days in addition was marched to Albany and from there went by water to West Point and from there marched to Orange Town, and was then attached to Col. Wisenfelt's Regiment. That the Regiment lay there & in the neighbourhood during the summer that Genl Washington (7) kept his Head Quarters near there during the time. That he thinks that the American Army was about forty thousand strong then. That Genl Clinton (8) Commanded a Brigade then, that he saw Maj. Andre (9) when he was brought in a prisoner. That he was at work on a Block House at Dobb's Ferry Haverstraw Bay when Andre was executed. That in the month of November in the same year Col. Wisenfelt's Regiment was marched to West Point and went from there by water to Albany and from there marched to Fort Stanwix that they drove up some cattle & some of the soldiers took up some provisions by water (10), that the regiment went to Fort Stanwix to relieve Col. Vanscank's [VanSchaick] Regiment.

That he returned to Albany in December of the same year with Col. VanSchant's Regiment & was then discharged that he received a written discharge signed by Major Van Scowter (11) but that he lost said discharge a number of years since. That in the year 1781 in the month of March he went to Saratoga and enlisted for a term of nine months into Capt. Dunham's (12) Company, Col. McKinstry's (13) Regiment of New York State troops and in May in the same year agreed to extend the term of his enlistment to the term of three years. That during that season he served a part of the time as a Baker. That in the month of December following he went home to NobleTown aforesaid on a furlough and joined the troops in January following at Albany and was marched to Ballstown and was put into Capt. Wright's (14) Company Col. Marinus Willet's Regiment. That on the last of May or first of June following the regiment was marched Stone Arabia & from there to Fort Herkimer—That in the year 1782 in the latter part of the season he was sick and permitted to return home, and did not regain his health so as to be able to join his regiment until it was discharged—That about the year 1792 he removed to Bainbridge in the County of Chenango County, State of New York, from whence he removed in 1808 to Manillus in Onondaga County same state from which last place he removed in 1823 to Cuyahoga County State of Ohio where he now resides—That he is known to William Wait, John M. Henderson, Daniel Christy, Nehemiah Allen who reside in my neighbourhood & who I think can testify to my veracity & their belief of my being a Revolutionary War Soldier and that he knows of no person who can testify to his service.

That 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 any state. That he was born in Blanford Hampshire County State of Massachusetts in the year 1762. (Signed) John Campbell

Sworn to in Open Court Aug. 4, 1832. H. Perry, Clk.

Reply to letter of inquiry dated November 27, 1933.

The record of John Campbell is furnished below as found in the papers on file in pension claim S.12667, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

John Campbell was born May 11, 1762 in Blanford, Hampshire County, Massachusetts; the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Nobletown, Albany County (later Hillsdale, Columbia County), New York, he enlisted and served as private in the New York troops as follows: from August 1776, one month in Captain VanAlstyne's

company, Colonel John Harper's regiment; from September, 1779, six weeks in Captain McGonegal's company, Colonel Beebe's regiment; from March 1780, in Captain Walter Vrooman's company, Colonel John Harper's regiment, was transferred in May 1780, to Captain Titus' company, Colonel Weisenfel's regiment, this service amounting to nine months and fifteen days; from March 1781, nine months in Captain Holt Dunham's company, Colonel McKinstry's regiment; from January 1782 until the latter part of the year in Captain Job Wright's company, Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment.

In 1792, he moved to Bainbridge, Chenango County, New York; in 1808, he moved to Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, and in 1823, went to Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 4, 1832, at which time he resided in Chagrin Township, Cuyahoga county, Ohio.

In December 1845, John Campbell was residing in Orangeville, Wyoming County, New York; he stated then that he had returned lately from Ohio to live with one of his sons, but did not give the name of said son. The name of soldier's wife is not shown.

In December, 1845, one Lebanah Winchester, of Orangeville, New York, stated that he had been acquainted with the soldier, John Campbell, for more than thirty years.

The name "Winchester" is stated in correspondence as the name of daughter of soldier, at whose home in Orangeville, NY the soldier died (Oct 18, 1846) & is buried there.

End Notes—S.12661—John Campbell (Cammal, Camble, etc.)

1. There are two VanAlstynes (VanAlstine) that served as Captains in the Seventh Regiment of Albany County Militia—Philip commanded the Third Company and Abraham commanded the Fifth Company. The regiment was commanded by Colonel Andries Witbeck. On April 2, 1778, Abraham VanAlstyne was appointed Colonel and Philip was appointed the Lieutenant-Colonel both of the Seventh Albany. Therefore he would have to have served in one of the companies before 1778 at which time he would have only been 15 years of age. There was no Lieutenant Fonda in this regiment.
2. John is in error as to the year or that Colonel John Harper was in Johnstown in September of 1779. Harper had joined Brigadier General James Clinton's Army as a volunteer and was appointed Captain of the Volunteers. Colonel Harper served in that capacity during the entire Sullivan and Clinton Campaign of 1779.
3. There appears to be no Colonel Beebe in the New York Militia. Also Captain McGonegal could not be found. There was a Second Lieutenant Obadiah Vaughan but by April 1, 1778 Ensign Oliver Bentley was commissioned the Second Lieutenant of the Fourth Company. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Kilian VanRensselaer. (Fourth Regiment of Albany County Militia).
4. Lieutenant-Colonel John Harper's Regiment of New York State Levies was not organized until May 11, 1780. The regiment was raised only for seven months. John did enlist as a private in Captain Walter Vrooman's Company.
5. John Bateman served as a Lieutenant in Captain Vrooman's Company. Bateman also served as the Adjutant for Harper's Regiment.
6. Again John has some of this right and some is wrong. Captain Jonathan Titus and Lieutenant Azariah Tuthill (Tuttle) served in the Fourth New York Continental Regiment under Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Frederick Weisenfels in 1780. According to the muster rolls of the Fourth New York John did not serve in this regiment. Men from the various Levie Regiments were allowed to join the Continental Regiments to fill the under strength companies. Most of these men that joined the Fourth New York enlisted on July 5, 1780. Most of these men did not join the regiment until August of 1780. The regiment eventually returned to West Point, New York and did relieve the garrison at Fort Schuyler (Fort Stanwix). The Fourth New York replaced Colonel Harper's Regiment on November 22 because their enlistments were up on November 30th. Colonel Harper's Regiment had replaced the First New York Continental Regiment under Colonel Goose VanSchaick in late September.
7. Commander in Chief General George Washington.
8. Brigadier General James Clinton.
9. Major John Andre was captured in September of 1780 and Major General Benedict Arnold's treasonable acts were exposed. This was the major reason for the New York Continental Regiments and Levies were marched to West Point to defend it against a British attack. Andre was hanged on October 2, 1780.
10. Captain Samuel Gray's Company of Bateaumen did bring provisions to the fort at this time.
11. Major Elias VanBenschouten of Colonel William Malcom's New York State Regiment of Levies of 1780.
12. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies was organized with the officers being appointed April 27, 1781. Captain Holtham Dunham commanded his company until about July of 1781 when he was arrested for treasonable acts with the enemy. Abraham Fonda was

serving as a Lieutenant in Captain Silas Gray's company in Willett's Regiment when he was appointed Captain of Dunham's Company.

13. John McKinstry was appointed Major on April 27, 1781 in Colonel Willett's Regiment. According to the pay abstract for Willett's Regiment, Major McKinstry served in that capacity from April 27 to December 31, 1781. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, Folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
14. There is no record so far that shows John as enlisting for the three years service. He is listed as a private in Captain Job Wright's Company for 1782 in Colonel Willett's Regiment.