

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Camron S8188

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State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit On this 22 day of July 1833 personally in open Court it being a court held for the County aforesaid, William Camron, a resident in s'd County & State aforesaid aged seventy three years who beng first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. Viz. that he was born and raised in the County of Hanover, Virginia, and that he was called into service in September 1776 in a company of militia from the County of Hanover, Commanded by Capt David Richardson, in a Regiment under Col'n Innis [sic: James Innes], the detachment under General [Thomas] Nelson, that he marched from Hanover to Williamsburg remained there some days marched from thence to York, & to Hampton & returned to williamsburg and was there discharged, having served Two months.

Called into service again in the Summer of 1777 in a Company of Hanover militia under Capt Thomas Doswell, Col Innis Regiment, Genl Nelson, marched to williamsburg, thence to James Town, thence down James River, was ordered to Norfolk, but before the detachment marched there, the order was countermanded, and the Troops marched to Holts Forge on the Chickahominy [in New Kent County], encamped there two or three weeks. marched from thence to Richmond & discharged, out Two months.

Called out again in the winter of 1778 in a Co. of Hanover militia under Cap James Doswell. Same superior officers as before. marched to Sandy point on James River [near Tetington] crossed James River to Cabin point [in Surry County], Bittish retreated from Cabin point. Took a few prisoners remained at Cabin point two or three weeks. marched up the South Side of James River & crossed the River at Westover from thence to Richmond & were discharged at Westham seven miles above Richmond. out Two months.

the militia was called out for 2 months, but generally served until relieved by other militia and in most cases a few days longer than the time for which they were call'd out; Called out again early in the Spring of 1781 and served one month under Capt Thos Doswell repairing Roads in the County of Hanover, called out again immediately under same Captain in Col'n [Sampson] Mathews's Regiment, marched to Richmond, was in Richmond when the enemy was in Manchester Genl Lafayette had command of American Troops. retreated through the Counties of Hanover Louisa & Orange and crossed the Rapid Ann [sic: Rapidan River, 6 Jun] at Raccoon ford. met Genl Wayne [Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun] and returned. assisted in cutting a road from Orange to the Three Chopd Road [sic: Three Chopt Road] in Fluvanna call'd the Marquis Road encamped a Mechunck [sic: Mechunk Creek], after the Army left Mechunck, I was detached from the main army in a company of Light Infantry commanded by Major Lyon marched on to Richmond from thence to James Town. the company of Light Infantry to which I belonged together with a Co of Riflemen from Greenbriar [sic: Greenbrier County] were engaged near James Town in a fairly severe skirmish with a party of Brittish Cavalry. was discharged a few days before the investment of York Town [28 Sep]. discharged in James City County having served five months that in every instance I served as a private & was call'd in to service by the regular authority of the state. That he was in active & regular service twelve months. That after the close of the war this applicant removed to the County of Fluvanna where he now resides and has done since that period that his discharges from service he did not consider of and has consequently lost them, that he encloses herewith the affidavit of John Strong [pension application S7594] who was in service with him, also a statement made by Thos Dickenson another fellow Soldier made in August last, but not sworn to, as no magistrate was present & he died shortly after without having compleated it. this applicant further states that in the neighborhood where he resides he is well acquated with Coln's. Barrett G Payne George W Richardson & D W K Bowles who will Testify to the veracity &c. that he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a

pension other than the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and Subscribed the day & date first herein written

William hisXmark Camron

George Stillman, a creditable person personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County of Fluvanna & made oath that in the month of August 1832 Thomas Dickenson of Fluvanna County made to him the following statement of the service of William Camron in the Revolutionary war, which statemen was at the time reduced to writing, but not sworn to intended to have been done at Sup Court of F County. that at that time s'd Dickenson was sick & did not attend court, & died shortly after. Viz that he was in Service with William Camron in the year 1777. that he Dickenson was in a Company of Hanover militia under Cap [John] Thompson & Camron in a Company under Cap Doswell that their Superior officers were Col Innes & Genl Nelson, that they marched to Williamsburg & James Town & down James River & were in service two months. that he was also in service with the sd Camron in the winter of 1778 as he believes, but is not positive as to date, and marched to Cabin point in the Cty of Surry, that in the Spring of 1781 the s'd Dickenson was living with Genl Nelson, that the said Camron was called out together with himself & others under Cap Doswell & worked one month on the roads in the County of Hanover The said Dickenson further states that he is in no way interested in the success of this application either directly or indirectly that he is acting for most of the Revolutry Soldiers in the County of Fluvanna. that his services are wholly gratuitous that he neither charges nor receives any fee or reward whatever. that he has been acquated with with Camron for 16 years. that he has no doubt whatever of the truth of his statement