

Campbell Family

THIS IS A SAMPLE OF THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT CAN BE FOUND IN THE BROOKE COUNTY COURT ORDERS.

THIS IS FROM ORIGINAL VOLUME TEN

Keep in mind.....not all records are as complete as this one.

Pg 50) At a Court held for the County of Brooke at the Court house of the said county on Monday the twenty fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight Present: Moses Congleton, John Edie, John Gardner and Andrew Henderson Esquires

John C. Campbell a native of Ireland this day applied to the Court to be admitted to become a citizen of the United States whereupon the said John C. Campbell exhibited a certificate of the clerk of this Court showing that he arrived in the United States more than five years previous to the date hereof which certificate is as follows:

In the County Court of Brooke 26 April 1819

John C Campbell an alien who has lately arrived in the United States and is desirous of being naturalized a citizen thereof this day appeared in Court and in pursuance of the act of Congress made a report of himself which report is in the following words To Wit: I John Charles Campbell make the following report of myself to the county court of Brooke county Virginia that is to say I report that I was born in that part of Great Britain and Ireland, called Ireland on the 11th day of October in the year of our Lord 1797 being now in the 22nd year of my age that I am a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, allegiance to that Monarch and none other that immigrations from Ireland to the United States in the year 1815 and that intended to settle myself in the county of Brooke in the state of Virginia one of the United States.

Given under my hand this 26th April 1819

John Charles Campbell

A Copy Teste

John Connell CBC

And the said John C Campbell also exhibited a certificate of the clerk of the county court of Brooke, aforesaid that more than two years ago he had declared on oath in the said court his intention to become a citizen of the United States which last mentioned certificate is in these words:

In the County Court of Brooke 26th April 1819

John Charles Campbell a native of that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Ireland this day declared on oath that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce from all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever and particularly to George the third, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

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And being proved to the satisfaction of the Court by the testimony of ?-? Miller and Daniel M. Edgington citizens of the said United States who were examined as witnesses on oath that since the arrival of the said John Charles Campbell as aforesaid he has resided within the United States five years at least and within this state one year at least and during that time has behaved as a man of good moral character attached to the principles of the condition of the United States and well deposed to the good order and happiness of the same, he the said John Charles Campbell declared on oath in open Court that he will support the constitution of the United States and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure al allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate state or sovereignty whatsoever and particularly to George the Fourth King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and thereupon the said John C. Campbell is admitted a citizen of the said United States.

JAMES CAMPBELL

JAMES CAMPBELL was born in Scotland in 1719 and emigrated to "The Colonies" as a young man. He took as his profession the dangerous vocation of overland pack merchant. He would routinely travel across the Allegheny Mountains through Indian Territory delivering badly needed supplies and news to settlers in the frontier. James first settled in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania on three vast tracts of land, two of which were named Saint James, and James' Fancy. The wilderness drew James and his family west into the Kings Creek area where he marked out his "tomahawk" claims and set out improving his land. It was during this claiming process that James and his wife Patience lost their oldest son John. While being pursued by Indians, John was drowned in Harmon's Creek, and another son James Jr. narrowly escaped being captured.

Despite the hardships, James and Patience settled and began farming. He built a mill on Kings Creek, (then called Indian Creek) and would guard the mill at night to ward off any Indians that might be interested in burning the mill. James eventually acquired many large tracts of land and owned several thousand acres of present day Weirton, as neighboring settlers moved on, or became uncomfortable with Indian activity and sold their land. James Campbell was an avid Presbyterian and family man and so set aside five acres of his land for the building of a church and cemetery, and donated a large sum of money for the establishment of a minister and congregation. In 1790 the new church petitioned the Redstone Presbytery for a preacher, and in November of that year the first sermon was taught at Three Springs Presbyterian Church by the Rev. John Brice. James was a successful farmer and entrepreneur and owned the land on which the Peter Tarr Furnace was built. James and Patience raised six children and brought life to many descendants, of which some are still occupying some of the original Campbell land. James Campbell died in 1805 and was buried at his beloved Three Springs Presbyterian Church. There is a Historical Marker in Weirton showing the location of the original Three Springs Church, and a dedication to James for his generosity. There is also a Historical Marker naming James as the owner of the land at the Peter Tarr Furnace.

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