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Pension application of Philip Thurman R10584 Kesiah fn60SC
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[fn p. 3 family record]

Ephraim Thurman was born the 16 day of January 1797 and was Married the 29 May 1817

Lucinda Thurman was born 27 day of June 1818

[different record]

Eli Thurman was born the 22 April 1784

Eli Thurman dide [sic] the tenth day march [sic] 1842

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[fn p. 9]

State of Tennessee Bledsoe County -- County Court

On this 14th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful justices of the County Court now sitting Philip Thurman a resident of the County of Bledsoe aforesaid and State of Tennessee aged 74 years 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 and served as herein stated -- that is to say -- in what was then called Cheraw District in the State of South Carolina and about 25 miles of Cheraw hills he was drafted to serve in the South Carolina militia and entered the service in the year 1775 under Captain Daniel Lundy who was under the command of Colonel George Hicks and from Cheraw district by Georgetown to Hadley's point [sic, Haddrell's Point] in sight of Charleston and of Fort Moultrie where he remained until discharged which he thinks was at the end of a 3 month term of service. Shortly after the expiration of the aforesaid term he was drafted again and entered the service under Captain Thomas Williamson who I think was under the command of Colonel Stewart. He was marched to Cheraw Hills and remained in service but one month during which time he and his associate soldiers were trained in military discipline. In the year 1778 he was again drafted and entered the service in Cheraw district he thinks under the command of Captain Benjamin Hendrick who he thinks was under the command of Colonel Abel Culp, he marched from said district to Charleston where he remained a short time and then passed over to James Island to Fort Johnson where he remained in the service to the end of the term for which he was drafted which he believes was for 3 months and was then discharged. -- In the year 1779 he was drafted again for 3 months and entered the service again under the same Captain and Colonel, to wit Hendrick & Culp, whose turn to serve had also come around again and marched to the Ten mile house near Charleston where he was stationed for a considerable time and was then moved into Charleston

where he served out his term -- this term of service was performed in the winter of 1779 -- 80. In the year 1780 he moved from Cheraw district to Edisto River in South Carolina a distance of about 150 miles and during the next year he volunteered & entered the service under Captain Benjamin Odom and marched to the siege of Augusta where Colonel Grayson [sic, Grierson] commanded the Tory Fort and Colonel Brown the British Fort -- he was in the engagement in storming the Tory Fort, and in the siege of the British Fort until it is surrendered which was 3 weeks after the storming of the Tory Fort -- after this event he returned home having this trip served something like 6 weeks -- which was in May and June as near as he can remember -- In the fall of that year (to wit 1781) he moved back to his old residence in Cheraw district. In the winter of 1781 he was again drafted and entered the service in Cheraw district under the command of General Francis Marion in which he continued off and on as his turn would come around until the 15th of November in 1782 or thereabouts when he was finally discharged. He states that while under the command of General Marion he served 2 campaigns under Captain Thomas Elebe or Eleby [sic, Thomas Ellerbee] one campaign under Captain Morris Murphy who lived on Big Pedee [River] below the long Bluff -- and one campaign he thinks under Captain William Hendrick. He thinks sometime during his service he was under a Captain Hardeman but cannot recollect what time. He has no doubt but that he was in the service under General Marion for at least 9 months. He has no documentary evidence of his service -- nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He further states that --

He was born in Anson County State of North Carolina near Big Pedee on the 15th of November 1757.

He has no record of his age, he has the account given him by his mother, and believes it to be a true one.

He lived in Cheraw district about 25 miles from Cheraw Hill in South Carolina when called into the service. The places perhaps now called Chesterfield district, for about 19 years after the close of the revolutionary war he lived in the same district, from which he moved to Smith County in the State of Tennessee where he lived between 2 and 3 years -- from there he moved to Anderson County Tennessee where he lived for between 2 and 3 years -- from there he moved to this (Bledsoe) County Tennessee where he has resided ever since say about 26 years --

He was regularly drafted for all the terms of his service except the one when he went to Augusta when he was a volunteer --

He has stated the names of his officers as far as he can recollect and the general circumstances of his service.

He recollects getting a discharge from Captain Odom at Augusta -- and another from Morris Murphy at Santee River -- he thinks he received other discharges, but was a young man without any property or family and not supposing they would be of any service he did not preserve them -- so it is at this day he does not know what has become of them --

He states that he is known in his present neighborhood by Colonel James Standefer present representative in Congress -- John Dalton a clergyman, John Bridgeman for 15 or 16 years a respectable merchant in Pikeville, Bledsoe County -- Elisha Kirklin for many years a merchant of the same place, James A. Whiteside and attorney at law of the same place and others but he thinks it unnecessary to extend the lives who can testify to his character.

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 the Agency of any State

S Philip Thurman, X his mark

[John Dalton, a clergyman, James Standefer, John Bridgeman, Elisha Kirklin and James A.

Whiteside gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 22: Own November 6, 1843 in Bledsoe County Tennessee, Kesiahr [sic] Thurman, 78, applied for a widows pension under the 1838 and 1842 acts as the widow of Philip Thurman, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$79.66; that she married him July 10, 1783; that he died September 2, 1840; and that she remains his widow.]

[Elizabeth Kirklin testified that she saw Kesiah and Philip Thurman going to Anson County North Carolina on July 10, 1783 and that when they returned they were married and lived together as man and wife and raised a large family of respectable children.]

[fn p. 24: Sarah Thurman testified in Bledsoe County Tennessee that she is the widow of the Eli Thurman, deceased, who was the eldest son of Philip & Kesiah Thurman; that her husband was born April 22, 1784; that her husband the Eli Thurman wrote down his birth date in his family Bible and that their door Elizabeth Thurmond wrote down in the Bible the date of his death.]

[fn p. 17: on March 19, 1852 in Bledsoe County Tennessee, Ephraim Thurman a resident of Marion County made oath that he is the 7th son of Philip Thurman late a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$78.31 the year and his wife Kesiah Thurman deceased; that he has always been informed by his parents that he was there 7th child and was born in the year 1797; that his mother Kesiah Thurman previous to her death made application for a widows pension which was not allowed; that his mother died in Bledsoe County in May or June 1845 and that at the time of her death she left the following children still living: to wit Sarah Rogers, Elijah Thurman, Susan Bradfield, John Thurman and affiant, all of whom are still living.]

[fn p. 44-45: Last will and testament of Philip Thurman]