

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Meroney (Maroney) R6911 Martha Meroney MD  
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State of Georgia } S. S.  
Walker County }

On this seventh day of Jany in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty four (1844) personally appeared before the undersigned justices of the Inferior Court for said County of Walker (the said Court being a court of record) Martha Maroney a resident of said county & in the [undeciphered word] of LaFayette aged about seventy six years, Who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled “An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widdows.” That she is the Widow of Philip Maroney, who according to the best of her knowledge and belief was a Captain in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and that he served during the war, that he entered the service on the (date not known) in the state of Maryland and resided there at the time, does not know or recollect the time he entered the service or when he left it – only knows that it was in Washingtons Army. Believes that her husband was in several ingagements – and especially at “Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & White planes [sic: White Plains, 28 Oct 1776] and the capture of “Corn Wallace” [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] believes her husband was a Volunteer – her husband was employed in the north but cant state the particular country through which he was marched. She further states that she has no documentary evidence in relation to said service – But knows that her husband had for many years in his possession his “Commission” and other papers relating to his service – such as his “discharge” & furrroughs &c  
That her husband died the third day of December 1830. – that she was married to Philip Maroney about the year seventeen hundred & eighty five (1785) after he had left the service – but previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz about the time above stated. That her husband had never been a pensioner and would not apply for it stating that he had “fought for Libirty” and not “pay” She further states that she has not been married since the death of her said Husband, the said Philip Maroney.

Sworn to & subscribed before us (a majority of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1844 Martha herXmark Maroney  
A. M. Sloan J.I.C./ S. Marrss[?] JIC/ John Wicken JIC

Tennessee } S.S.

County of Hamilton } On this 3 day of May A.D. 1854 personally apeard befour me E. G. Boyd an acting Justice of the peas in and four said Countey and State Philip D. Maroney to me personally known as a creditable and respectable witness and made oath in due form of law and says that he was well and personally acquainted with Philip Moroney who was a Soldier in the Service of the untied colones in the Revolutionary ware. Said Philip Moroney enderd the Service the early part of the Revolutionary war as a Captian of a Company of the Marilan line was a Sittze [citizen?] of the city of Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] in the State of Marilin he then Marched to the State of New york where he joined the regular army under Jeneral Washington and was their at the avacuation of New york [21 Nov 1776] and remained with the army untill after the takin of Jeneral Burgoine [sic: Burgoyne at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] then in consiquence of the ilness of his wife with the consumption who had to be removed to fredric [sic: Frederick] County in Mariland in consiquence of the Brichish fireing on the city of Anapolis where she lived then he was permitted to relearn home where he remained untill after her deth Some time after that he in company with seven other Jentlemen went on and Joined the army again at York Town in Virginne and remained in service untill after the Surrender of Cornwallis then he returned home at the Close of the ware he removed to Frankling Countey [sic: Franklin County] North Carolina

where he was married to Miss Martha Massey with whom he lived as his reputed and acknowledged wife, and raised a large family of children and was always so reputed as man and wife, until his death December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1830 Deponent further says he was a witness of his death and was with him for weeks previous to his death during which time he would frequently talk fits of derangement after his death an inquiry was made for his papers the family informed me that during one of his deranged fits he Philip Maroney burned up his papers which prevented their being any aid to his funeral or discharges Deponent states that he is now the age of 80 years of age and is the son of Philip Maroney and learned the above facts by frequently conversing with his father on the subject and hearing others talk who served under him and his now surviving widow Martha Maroney formerly Martha Massey who is yet a widow was Deponent's step mother

[signed] Phil D Meroney

NOTES:

Martha Maroney's application was rejected because of insufficient proof of the marriage and at least six months of service.

A letter in the file dated 9 July 1844 refers to "Col. Phillip Maroney" – the rank of Colonel presumably having been attained after the Revolutionary War.

On 4 June 1853 in Talladega County AL Martha Meroney gave her maiden name as Martha Massy and stated that her marriage occurred on 3 Jan 1785 at the house of Col. Thomas Sherrod in Franklin County NC.

On 8 March 1855 H. C. Young of Marshall County MS, a grandson of Philip D. Meroney, wrote that Martha Meroney was still living but "in declining health, and unfortunately reduced from former affluence to indigence and want." The letter referred to the "affidavit of my grand Father's eldest son (now living) stating that prior to his Father's death he (the Father) was partially deranged, so much so, that he destroyed all his papers, among them his Commissions as an Officer, and his discharges from the army."

On 26 March 1858 Philip D Meroney (as he appears to have signed) of Polk County TN, only surviving son and heir of Philip Meroney, assigned power of attorney to pursue a claim for any pension due for his father's service. A letter to the Pension Office from Mrs. William James Morphy of Germantown PA, dated 20 May 1922, states that Philip Meroney had two children by his first wife: Philip DeLancey Meroney and William Briton Meroney. The letter states that William Briton Meroney lived for a time with his father in Greenville District SC, became a Presbyterian minister, and was buried at Bethesda Church near Yanceyville NC. The letter states that his tomb gives his date of birth as 19 Oct 1769, but the present tombstone of Rev. William B. Meroney gives the date of birth simply as 1760. The date of death is given as 1 Aug 1816.