

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Phelps R8175

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State of Kentucky County of Butler: SS

On this 31st day of March 1835 personally appeared before the Judge of the Butler Circuit Court Nicholas Phelps a resident of the County of Butler and State of Kentucky aged seventy-six 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 with Captain holder and served in the __ Regt. of the __ line under the following named officers:

That he lived in Buckingham County Virginia, on James River when he enlisted and entered the service of the United States under Captain Holder [possibly, John Holder], that he rendezvoused at New Glasgow Bedford County Virginia, with about 90 men, in the month of October 1778, that he enlisted for three years. He was marched under Captain Holder to Logan's Station, in the Territory of Kentucky, where his company was put under Colonel Benjamin Logan; that he remained at Logan's Station to guard the same, until ordered to guard the prisoners that were taken by Clark at the 'O post in (now Vincennes) to the Block house on Holston River, about 200 miles from Logan's Station, when he again returned to said station, after this he was ordered to build a Block house with others at Whitley's Station and to guard it. Where he remained until he was disbanded by Colonel Logan, the country becoming strong enough in the opinion of said Logan to dispense with his and the services of his fellow soldiers; he was discharged in February 1781, making two years and four months that he was in the service, he got no written discharge, nor does [he] know or believe that any discharges in writing were given to any. He received pay only for the time he was in service from the Commissary Daniel Trabue. He has ever since lived in Kentucky. He served but this one term of enlistment and under it was in no battle.

He further states that prior to the service above set out he served a tour of six months as a drafted militia man: in the year 1777, the first of October, he was drafted and mustered under Captain Billy Johns [William Johns], he rendezvoused at Buckingham Court house Virginia and marched under Major Bell to Williamsburg Virginia where Colonel Joseph Cavel was Colonel of the militia and General May commanded, he resided in Buckingham County Virginia when he entered this service. He was in no Battle, the British never came in while he was at Williamsburg, where he remained until disbanded the latter part of March 1778, he was disbanded by General May, he got no written discharge. But he can never forget the joyful circumstances under which it was done, the troops were marched three times around General May and fired three salutes, when he read the news of General Washington's success and we were discharged. He knows of no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services. He more than a year ago sent on his declaration to the War Department, but it was returned for want

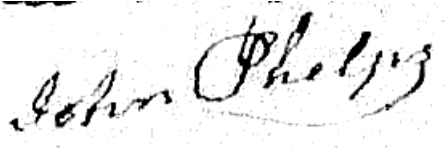
of proof of his service of enlistment, since that time he has been unable to attend to it from sickness and the instructions from the department mislaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nicholas Phelps, X his mark

Butler County State of Kentucky SS

The deposition of John Phelps¹ a Revolutionary Soldier and pensioner who being of good character and to be believed on oath and of sound mind states that being an older brother of Nicholas Phelps he well recollects that he enlisted in the service of the United States as he sets out in his declaration for a pension under the Act of the 7th June 1832 and sworn to before the Judge of the Butler Circuit Court the 31st day of March 1835. I was at my father's in Buckingham County Virginia when said Nicholas enlisted and also when the troops marched from New Glasgow for Logan's Station in the Territory of Kentucky. How long he served I cannot state for I never saw him anymore until I moved to Kentucky which was some years after. But I have every reason to believe he served as he states, until he was disbanded by Colonel Logan for I have heard it from those who were acquainted with his service but are now dead. I am upwards of 80 years old. I further state that said Nicholas enlisted for 3 years. I also know of my own knowledge that he performed a tour of militia service of 6 months at Williamsburg Virginia but I do not recollect what year.

S/ John Phelps

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Phelps". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

¹ FPA S38301 [posted in this database 10/17/12]