

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mourning Philips [Phillips] R8190 Elizabeth Philips f28VA

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Henrico County Legislative Petitions

To the Speaker & Members of both Houses of the General Assembly of Richmond the petition of Mourning Philips most respectfully sheweth – That your Petitioner in or about the month of May 1776 enlisted in the 2nd Regiment of Infantry of Virginia Troops, then raising to resist the unjust & intolerable domination of George the third. The term of enlistment was for three years, which your petitioner honestly served, and was in the spring of 1779 discharged at Philadelphia having been in the Battles of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. The Officers under whom your Petitioner enlisted were Capt. James Hawes, Lieut. Charles Yarborough & Ensign James Uphshaw.

From 1779 to 1781 your petitioner was not in service, but in the latter year when Cornwallis invaded Virginia your petitioner again shouldered his Musket & served under the command of the Marquis Lafayette until the surrender of Yorktown in October 1781, after which he was discharged from service and after this period know important military services were required or rendered.

As evidence of the faithful service of your petitioner, he submits to your Hon. bodies the accompanying affidavits.

Your petitioner begs leave to represent that he has heretofore been able to support himself and a numerous family by his own labour, but that as he is now advanced in years, and his capacity for labour and active exertion has diminished in a corresponding degree, & he has little or no property, he is no longer able to sustain by his exertions his large family. He is the father of nineteen children, sixteen of whom are living and of whom seven are now residing with your Petitioner and most of them dependent on his exertions for support; his youngest child being about two years old.

Your petitioner is now near seventy-five years of age, poor and with a numerous family, he appeals to the representatives of his Countrymen and asks such aid as his age & infirmities, wants and public services in the most perilous times, will seem justly to entitle him to, and as in duty bound he will ever pray –

[Reverse]

Petition of M. Phillips of Henrico
E. C. Mayo

December 17th 1827
Referred to Claims
1827 December 28th
Reasonable (pension)
29 Reported
1828 January 3, Bill drawn

Essex County to wit

Reuben Atkinson¹ of this County made oath before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, that he well remembers Mourning Philips was a Soldier in the service of the State of Virginia in the Revolutionary War, that he served with him some time at Portsmouth in this State, well recollects he afterwards was with him in the Northern States.
Given under my hand this 11th day of December 1827

S/ Thomas Pitts

King & Queen County to wit

John Bland of this County made oath before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, that he well remembers Mourning Philips was a soldier in the service of the State of Virginia in the Revolutionary War, that he served with him sometime at the Rocky Mills in the County of Hanover & at the Siege of York in this state & various other places in the said state.
Given under my hand this 12th day of December 1827

S/ Lee Bradshaw

[From the federal petition files]

State of Virginia County of Henrico: to wit

On this 6th day of February A.D. 1854 personally appeared before the County Court of Henrico and State of Virginia Elizabeth Philips a resident of Henrico and State aforesaid aged 64 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the law of the United States passed the 3rd February 1853, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War: That she is the widow of Mourning Phillips, referred to in a Petition "To the Speaker and Members of both Houses of the General Assembly of Virginia" said paper was certified to be a correct copy from the original papers by "George W Munford Secretary of the Commonwealth" under date "Richmond June 2nd 1853," and which is considered by the affiant to be a part of her declaration in his much as she has no further evidence to show the military services performed by her deceased husband, the said Mourning Philips.

She further declares that she was married to the said Mourning Philips in the County of Henrico on the 23rd day of March 1808 and that her name before marriage was Elizabeth Kendrick, that her said husband died in the County of Henrico on the 21st day of May A.D. 1831.² That she was not married to him prior to the 2nd day of January A.D. 1800, but at the time above stated. She further declares that she is now a widow.

¹ [Reuben Atkinson S6544](#)

² In other documents in this file, the date of death of the veteran is given as 1831, 1834 or 1835.

S/ Elizabeth Philips, X her mark

[p 7: Copy of a marriage bond dated March 23, 1808 issued in Henrico County Virginia to Mourning Philips and Robert Kendrick conditioned upon the marriage of Mourning Philips to Elizabeth Kendrick daughter of the above named Robert Kendrick.]

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[The above documents were certified by George W Munford, clerk of the House of Delegates and Keeper of the Rolls of Virginia on July 21, 1840 as being true copies of documents filed with the General Assembly of Virginia on December 17, 1827.]

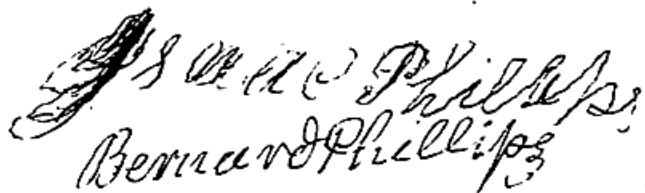
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This shall certify that we the subscribers are heirs of Mourning Philips deceased whom we believed to have served three years or more in the revolutionary war, and this belief is predicated on our often having heard our father state the fact together with many incidents which transpired during the time of service which those who served with him would also relate. But all of whom are now dead. We believe the years of Mr. Phillips service to have been from 1776 to 1779 and also to have been at little York at the time Cornwallis surrendered these things are distinctly recollected to have heard our father state. The heirs of the above Mourning Philips are as follows: Isaac Phillips, Mary Green, Elizabeth Phillips, Bernard Phillips, Martha Bamer & Jane Rice, Samuel Phillips, James Phillips & Ann Snead, John Phillips and Miles Phillips. Those who have died and left children are Thomas & Sarah & Catherine (12) Given under our hands this 20 of July 1840

S/ Isaac Phillips
S/Bernard Phillips

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[There is an 8-page file under the name Mourning Phillips. This file contains the originals of the documents transcribed above as they relate to the petition of the veteran for a pension from the State of Virginia. The original petition does not bear the signature of the veteran but the supporting affidavit of his sons, Isaac and Bernard Phillips shows:



Isaac Phillips
Bernard Phillips