

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Phillips R8202

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State of Kentucky, Graves County SS

On this 10th day of May A.D. 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Piece [sic, Peace] in and for the State of Kentucky and County of Graves John Phillips aged Eighty Six years old a resident of Graves County and State of Kentucky and made oath in due form of law that he is too infirm to go to attend Court at the town of Mayfield the Courthouse of said County distance about twenty miles in consequence of his age and bodily infirmities and further makes the following declaration upon his oath in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 – that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Captain White's Company in the County of Anson in the State of North Carolina where this declarant then lived and had lived and had lived in said State from Early Infancy he this declarant does not now recollect the other company officers but __ Chiles Commanded as Colonel. He states that he Entered the survis [service] in the latter part of July or the first of August A.D. 1780 about the time he thinks to the best of his recollection but is not certain there was a general [illegible word, looks like "furlann" or "furlanx"] got up among all ranks of the people owing to the murcilous [sic, merciless] manner that the British officers had treated that portion of our people that had taken protection under them he says that Colonels Sever [sic, John Sevier] & McDowell [Joseph McDowell] was very active as well as Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] who lived in another part of the state of North Carolina – there was to his best recollection a large volunteer army raised mostly from North Carolina – some of it was from Virginia and some from South Carolina and they concentrated themselves in the state of North Carolina and understanding that there was in the Interior a large British force concentrating which was lying waist [sic, laying waste], pittiaging [sic, pillaging?] and Robbing the Country the Command under Shelby, Sevier & Campbell [William Campbell] all marched for the British Army and they charged their head quarters for the Mountains at a place called since and known as Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]. Early in the fall as he thinks from the fact that the leaves have not all fallen from the Trees this declarant's best recollection is that it was in October a hard fought Battle was fought between the British and American troops this declarant states that he was not in the engagement but the command reached there the next day and helped to bury the dead and was Engaged in taking care of the sick & wounded he states that some time afterwards they returned home after rendering to the best of his recollection from the time he entered the service four months he then in a short time afterwards Early in the year 1781 entered the service of the United States he this declarant thinks in the Early part of March he here was mustered into service at Grassy Islands on Big Pedee River near the line between North & South Carolina he states that he was under General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] command our command at Grassy Island was Small it was an outpost or a mere picket guard to watch the movements of the

British and to report and cut of [sic, off] their supplies and to drive in stock and furnish provisions to the American Army while in this service this declarant was in the Battle on Little Pedee River we in this Engagement lost two of our men and several wounded there – there was four of the enemy found dead on the ground and we took their wounded prisoners we followed the Army in the character of spies or marching and reconnoitering for the American Army this declarant states that he was not in the Battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781] but was near there and so continued during the whole of the spring & summer was on the waters of the Big & Little Pedee and Rocky Rivers at all times protecting the patriotic party against the British and Tories he states that he remained in the service until sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis he states that he was in the service this Tour more than eight months he states that he was Twist [sic, twice] paroled for a short time but that he was always during the service under orders from his Captain and he here states that he could state many things pertaining to the service but owing to age and consequent loss of memory his remarks would be very dissullory [sic, desultory?] and uninteresting he has no documentary evidence of his service but was legally discharged but has lost them he was in the state service and not in the regular army he will state here that in all of his service that he rendered his Country was at the least Twelve months or one year he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or Territory in the United States.

S/ John Phillips, X his mark

[William Howard, a Baptist clergyman a resident of Graves County Kentucky, and J. W. Willingham and Martin Labarreaine[?] gave standard supporting affidavits.]

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I Curtis Bull¹ a Revolutionary Soldier and a pensioner of the United States, do hereby certify I was well acquainted with John Phillips. He served in the Company of Captain William Polk, which was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Parramore. I know Mr. Phillips perform military duty in the Revolutionary war. I served with him in keeping guard at the "Block House" on "Jolly Creek" – Mr. Phillips went into Court the same year that I did to prove his claim. I believe John Phillips justly entitled to a pension as any man in the Country. How long John Phillips was in the service I will not now undertake to say; but from my recollection of his service I am satisfied he must have been on duty 2 years. I have lived in the County with Mr. Phillips all of my life and I know he was regarded by others as a Revolutionary Soldier and as one entitled to a pension.

Test: S/ A. A. Watkins

S/ Curtis Bull, X his mark

S/ Jas. H. White

[attested in Accomack County Virginia March 21, 1857 by Shalmaneser Davis, JP]

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State of Kentucky Graves County Court Set October Term 1853

"It is hereby ordered to be certified to the Honorable, Commissioner of Pensions at Washington City that satisfactory evidence, was on this day exhibited in open court in and for said County, now in session, from the oath of N. M. Moore, a resident of said County and Reputable hereto attached, that John Phillips (deceased) of said County, and formerly of the State of North Carolina and who was reputed to have served as a private soldier in the North Carolina Troops in the War of the Revolution died in the County of Graves and State of Kentucky on the

¹ [Custis \(Curtis\) Bull S18338](#). This affidavit is misfiled. It clearly relates to [R8201 John Phillips](#) and not the veteran named in this file.

__ day of August 1852, leaving no widow she having departed this life some years previous to his decease [sic, demise] the said John Phillips at his (decease) left but 3 surviving lawful children whose names are as follows (viz.) Nathan Phillips, James Phillips and Elizabeth Phillips who intermarried with __ Boyd who is dead and leaving her a widow, and who are the only surviving children of the said John Phillips (deceased) and that P. B. Adams is the administrator of the estate of said John Phillips (deceased)."

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County the 20th day of October 1853

S/ Wm Beadles, Clerk