

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Philpot R8217

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Clay County, State of Kentucky

Be it remembered that on this 4th day of April 1837, personally appeared before the Honl. Judge of the Clay Circuit Court, in open Court, Thomas Philpot of said County aged 74 and made the following Statement upon oath in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the Act of Congress 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the Revolutionary War the same year of the Battle of Ninety Six District in the State of South Carolina, Lawrence [sic, Laurens] County under Capt. Daniel Williams and after scouting and fighting under him several months, marched by him to the Island Ford of the Saluda River and there joined Col. Waters [probably Lieutenant Colonel Philemon Waters] who lived on the said river, and then marched to the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] and joined Genl Greene [Nathanael Greene] ~~who had then surrounded Genl. Cruger.~~ He continued with him during the Siege and when information arrived that Rawdon [Lord Rawdon] was coming to aid Genl Cruger [John Harris Cruger] we raised the Siege and marched to Babb's Mill on Bush River crossing the Saluda [River] at the said Island ford then we met with a call to go to the aid of Col. Hays [Joseph Hayes] on Little River at Edgill Station [Edgehill Station] who was engaged with the Tories who were arrayed under one Cunningham [William "Bloodied Bill" Cunningham] a Tory captain. Here they were all taken prisoner and he was paroled and Captain Williams, Col. Hayes, Peter Yearley, Joseph Wilkins, & Several others killed.¹ The British had possession at 96 & they together with the Tories over ran the Country for about 13 months.

He did not enter the Service for any particular time but to serve as a Militia man as long as required to repel in various & depredations. Militia man scouting and scouring the Country—in the counties of Laurens, Abbeville, [and] Greenville. He was told by Capt. Williams that if he did not turn out he would be drafted & being acquainted with Williams, he volunteered with him to serve as long as the present distress required & continued with him not less than 11 months before the Siege traversing & scouring the country and had several little engagements with the Tories; one at a creek called Long Cane, where he had a brother killed, one at Bowman's Mill and another at White Hall.

¹ The men listed on the monument marking the engagement at Hayes station as having been killed there are as follows: Joseph Hayes, Daniel Williams, Christopher Hardy, John Neel, Clement Hancock, Joseph Williams, Joseph Irby, Sr., Joseph Irby, Jr., John Milven, James Feris, John Cook, Greaf Irby, Benjamin Goodman and Yancy Saxon

This service was performed before the Siege of Ninety Six —he states he was continually in service with the exception of a day or two at a time. They would retire to Capt. Williams' Father's & perhaps not be stationed but a few hours or days until they would have to go out again. He states that including his services under Greene & at Edgehill Station he is certain he did not serve less than fifteen months before he was paroled. He never was at home during the whole service. He states that when he went to aid Col. Hayes he went as an enlisted soldier but served but a few days before he was taken and believes that his services before he entered was not less than 13 months or 14 months. He believes he was taken prisoner and paroled in about one month after he enlisted. He rec'd three guineas at the time of his enlistment to go to Hayes. He said he was well acquainted with Genl Greene, Col. Hayes & Lieut. Williams killed by Cunningham the Tory above named.

He was born in Laurens Co. South Carolina the 17th day of Aug. 1763. He has lost the record of his age. He had a discharge from Col. Waters but it got burned. He states that some 3 or 4 years ago he mad a declaration in Substance the Same as this and the same was forwarded to the Department of War & Sent back for more proof, and the whole papers have been lost or mislaid so that he can not get hold of them. He is informed by the gentleman with whom they were in trusted that they were left in [?] & until they became so mutilated & worn that they were unintelligible and were therefore suffered to be destroyed. The additional proof required by the Department he never could get until now. He had no proof before but that of his good character. He refers to that of Brazil Eastis² whom he has found since he made his former declaration. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State whatever. Sworn & Subscribed this day & year afsd. Not being able to write his name, makes his mark.

S/ Thomas Philpot, X his mark

George Stivers a Clergyman and Brazel Eastis both of Clay County made the following statement upon oath: That they were well acquainted with Thomas Philpot and that he is an honest man but sometimes drinks too much ardent spirits. The said Eastis further states that he knew the said appl. at the Siege of Ninety Six and knows he was in the service of Capt. Williams. After the war they became neighbors and often talked over their service. He states that after the war they moved to different parts of the world & never saw each other again until lately nor never heard of each other as he supposes.

And the said Court certifies that after hearing the whole matter of the application for a pension of the said Thomas Philpot, that it is the opinion of the Court that the said Applicant was a soldier of the Revolution and that he served as he States, and further certify that the said witnesses Brazel Eastis is a credible person and of age sufficient to have been in the Revolution.

Kentucky

Clay County Set.

I George Stivers Clerk of the Court of the Circuit Court holden in said County do certify that the foregoing two sheets contain the original declaration & proceedings had in said Court in the matter of the Application for a pension of Thomas Philpot. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of the Said Court this 5th day April, 1837.

S/ George Stivers, Clk.

S/George Stivers Clerk of Court 5 Apr, 1837

² There is a power of attorney on behalf of one [Brazil Estes R3201](#) in the NPA pension records.

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State of Kentucky Knox County: Be it known that on this 23rd day of March 1841, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County Obediah Hammonds³ of said County and made oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas Philpot of Clay County Kentucky who is an applicant for a pension as he is informed, that he knew the said Philpot in the Revolutionary [war]; he knew him at the Siege of Ninety Six under General Greene, he saw him there and believes he was a faithful Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and that he has no doubt he served as long as he charges in his declaration for a pension. He also understood that the said Philpot served in the Revolution before and after the Siege of Ninety Six.

And I further Certify that the said Hammond is of age sufficient to have served in the Revolution and that he is a credible Person.

Given under my hand this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Pope, JP KC

[p 2: On February 7th, 1852, in Clay County Kentucky, Nancy Philpott filed an application stating that she is the widow of Thomas Philpott; that he never received a pension for his services so she is claiming what was due him under the 1832 act; that she married him June 15 1792; that their oldest child is now in his 50th year; that her husband died August 6, 1848 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Thomas Philpot [Philpott]
Audited Account No. 5928A

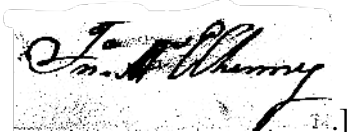
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[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 298 Book See dated April 17, 1780 for “delivered to Mr. Thomas Fillpott [sic] this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Seven pounds twelve Shillings and three pence Sterling for William Hort Esquire’s Certificate marked Pg. No. 84 for Beef supplied the State Commissary.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements only by John McElhenny

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John McElhenny". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "McElhenny".

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Washington February 27th, 1840

Sir

Permit me to Trouble you by asking the favor of you to inform me if there is any evidence on file in your office over which you preside of the Services of Thomas Philpot who

³ Sic, [Obadiah Hammonds \(Hammond\) S2263](#) [although he clearly signs his name "Obediah Hammonds"]

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The number behind the ‘pp’ indicates the number of pages in the file and the ‘Audited Account No.’ is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

alleges that he belonged to and Served in the war of the Revolution as a Soldier of the Militia of South Carolina.

If there is you will please enclose me a Certificate stating his service &c

Yours very respectfully

S/ Sherrod Williams

To William E. Hayne