

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Main (Means) S13850

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Beaver County SS

On the 3rd day of June 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County of Beaver in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania personally appeared Philip Means [sic] aged seventy-eight years a resident in Beaver County in the State of Pennsylvania who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for Certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war, that he the said Philip Means enlisted in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania for 18 months in the fall of 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Waggoner in the 12th Regiment in the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Woods, that he continued to Serve in said Corps until sometime in the winter of said year he reenlisted (in the same company under the same officers in the same Regiment) for three years or during the war, that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment until the fall of the year 1779 he was discharged from service at Fredericksburg Virginia by General Peter Muhlenberg he having put a man in his place and also for meritorious Services &c. That he was in the Battles of Elizabeth town in Jersey and Germantown Pennsylvania, that he is much decrepit and altogether unable to labor and in very reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, that he put his discharge into the hands of Colonel Shepperd of Wheeling Virginia to procure his arrearages of pay and never seen it since, & that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Philip Means, PM his mark

Beaver County SS the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Philip Main on the 19th day of September 1820 Personally appeared in open Court of record for the County of Beaver Philip Main aged sixty-eight years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that the said Philip Main enlisted at Brown's Creek near to Union Town in Pennsylvania for eighteen months and before the time expired enlisted again for three years in September 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Waggoner in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Woods in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment That he continued to serve in said Corps until in August 1779 he was discharged from said Service at Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia that he was in the Battles of Elizabeth Town, Germantown and he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services except what accompanied his former application

to the war office dated the 31st day of May 1818 he was placed on the pension list Pennsylvania agency as will appear by his Certificate Signed by the Secretary of War bearing date the 7th day of September 1819 No. 15,034.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

1 horse

2 cows

12 sheep

15 hogs & shoats

ninety-four acres of land

with a Cabin house &

Barn very much out of order

S/ Philip Maine, X his mark

Declarant further saith that his occupation is a farmer but unable to labor much afflicted & crippled his family consist of a wife 65 years of age & very infirm a son named John between 20 & 21 years of age a daughter between 17 & 18 years of age.

S/ Philip Maine, X his mark

On the 4th day of August 1828: Personally came before me David Drennan one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Beaver Philip Means and being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Revolution approved the 15th day of May 1828 – I Philip Names of North Sewickley Township in the County of Beaver in the State of Pennsylvania do hereby Declare that I enlisted at first for eighteen months and a few months after for during the war in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution and continued to serve in said service until the termination at which. I was a private in Captain Waggoner's Company in the 12th Regiment of the Virginia line and I also declare that I never received any Certificate for \$80 under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th day of May 1778 and I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the Pension list of the United States and I further declare that I give my discharge to Colonel Shepard to draw my pay and I never seen it since.

S/ Philip Means, PM his mark

Before me David Drennan one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Beaver in the State of Pennsylvania Personally appeared this day John Crail¹ and Aleathea Crail of said County who did severally make oath that Philip Means by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed was doing duty as a Soldier in the Garrison at Pittsburgh in August 1776 in Captain Waggoner's Company in the 12th Regiment of the Virginia line in

¹ FPA W4426

manner as therein stated that said John Crail was and enlisted Soldier in the same Company and that the Company was ordered to March to join General Washington's Army in Pennsylvania that said John Crail not being enlisted for during the war was discharged at the Valley Forge in April 1778 and never seen Philip Means again until long after the war was over and that he is the Identical same Philip Means above mentioned and that it is Generally reputed and believed that said Philip Means was as stated a soldier until the Termination of the war or the time he was discharged –

Witness my hand this 4th day of August A.D. 1828

S/ John Crail

S/ Aleathea Crail, X her mark

Pennsylvania Beaver County: SS

On this 11th day of September 1832 personally appeared before Joseph Hemphill and Thomas Henry Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County Philip Main a resident of said County and State of Pennsylvania in the eighty sixth year of his age who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service in the month of August 1776 by enlisting under Ensign Hallawbeck [perhaps Ensign Daniel Holleback]² & placed under the command of Captain Waggoner [perhaps Capt. Andrew Waggoner] first Lieutenant was Pressley Nevill [Presley Neville], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Woods, the Battalion commanded by Major John Neville, he enlisted on George's Creek up the Monongahela [River] above Redstone old Fort, Then in the State of Virginia but now Pennsylvania. He was first marched to what was then called Fort Pitt (now Pittsburgh) was then sent under Lieutenant Connaway Oldham [Conway Oldham] to guard provisions down the Ohio River to the mouth of Big Canawa [Kanawha River], after staying a few weeks at the mouth of Canawa, returned to Fort Pitt & was stationed there until the next spring. In the month of April 1777, marched from Fort Pitt through Virginia by the way of Winchester, from thence to Lancaster Pennsylvania from thence to Philadelphia, crossed the Delaware [River] above Trenton at Carrells Ferry & joined the Grand Army at Bonbrook [Boundbrook] in Jersey in the fall of that year was in a battle near Elizabeth Town, the enemy was beaten, The deponent with the troops to which he was attached returned to Pennsylvania and stationed at the Valley Forge, soon after he returned from Jersey was in the battle of German Town [Germantown October 4, 1777], which was in the month of October 1777. That winter was stationed at Valley Forge, took sick and was sent to a hospital at the Yellow Springs Pennsylvania, went there about the first of April 1778 & remained there until about harvest, returned to his Company again, and was marched across the Jersey to the White Plains in York State, from thence marched to West Point, from thence was marched back through Jersey, and went with his Lieutenant to Winchester & there got a furlough to go to see his friends on the Monongahela, In the spring following which was in the spring of 1779, went to Winchester from thence to Fredericksburg, he there met with General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] was informed by him that his Regiment was taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina by the British [May 12, 1780], deponent was directed by General Muhlenberg to remain at Fredericksburg there were but few troops there, but a number of officers. He was sent with 2 others by General Muhlenberg to guard a Prisoner across the James River to Chesterfield and

² *Hollawbeck*

delivered him to Colonel Davis, stayed that summer season at Fredericksburg, and in September was discharged by General Muhlenberg, this discharge has been, out of the possession of deponent, for a long time, he gave it to a Mr. Shepherd in the Assembly in Virginia to procure his back rations, it was never returned to him.

He never received a Commission always acted in the capacity of a private,

Deponent was born in Gloucester County in the State of Jersey, in 1747, have no record of his age. When he entered the Service he resided in Virginia up the Monongahela since the revolution he has lived in Virginia and Pennsylvania & for rising the last 30 years he has lived in Beaver County Pennsylvania where he now lives.

That he was placed on the Pension roll under the act of Congress passed 1818 but stricken off the roll under the act of 1820 – From his long acquaintance in this Country he might name hundreds of respectable persons who have a knowledge of his character for veracity & truth among whom he will refer to General Samuel Power & Sampson Piersall Esquire. He has no knowledge of any person that could testify to his services within any reasonable distance except an old and feeble man named John Crail whose testimony it would be very hard & difficult to procure, nor has he any documentary evidence, other than what is filed in the war Department, when he made his former applications for a pension.

That 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 & subscribed the day and year first written

S/ Philip Main, PM his mark

[Samuel Power & Sampson Piersall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

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

[Note: I suspect the following relates to this veteran—indexed under the name Phillip Maine]

Fredericksburg August one, 1780

Phillip Maine a Soldier in the 8th Virginia Regiment having faithfully served 3 years the term of his enlistment is hereby discharged.

S/ P. Muhlenberg BG

Qx'd & passed

Ab Crump Comt.

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