

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Phipps S14132

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State of Kentucky County of Hopkins } SS

On this 8th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Hopkins County aforesaid now sitting John Phipps a resident in said County & State aged seventy-nine 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated.

He states that he was born in the County of Charles City in the State of Virginia in the year 1753, that in the year 1774 in Surry County in the State of Virginia where he then resided he volunteered under Captain Charles Harrison of the Virginia militia and aided in guarding Williamsburg (then the seat of Government) & its vicinity against the plundering parties of the enemy who were hovering in the Chesapeake Bay and were encouraged in committing depredations of various kinds on all the Citizens & their property by the Royal Governor Dunmore.

He states that he was engaged in the above service twelve months and until he was relieved by what was called the minute men in the year 1775, that his Company and those from James City & Charles City Counties were at first under the command of ___ Innis and afterwards were commanded [see footnote 1 below] by the late General Charles Scott of Kentucky that during his said service he was frequently engaged in skirmishing with the enemy and was often fired on by them from their Vessels in James River -- he received no written discharge.

He states that in the year 1776 in Amelia County in the State of Virginia aforesaid (where he then resided) he enlisted for 3 years under Captain Thomas Scott and was appointed Sergeant in his company -- that he [one or more indecipherable words] at the Service of his Captain in Prince Edward County Virginia during the fall and winter of 1776 and in the year 1777 marched through Hillsboro in North Carolina to Bacon's Bridge across the Ashley River 18 miles from Charleston South Carolina thence to Savannah in Georgia where he joined the 3rd Georgia Regiment under Colonel Scrivan [James Screven] & Major Robards [?], that he remained with

¹ Several pages of this application are missing from both the Fold3.com and Ancestry.com version of this application. Those missing pages can be found in the "Selected Records" version of this file as previously posted online by HeritageQuest.com but that version is no longer available online as far as I am aware. If anyone has digital images of those pages which they are will to share with me, I'd appreciate receiving copies so that I can double check my transcript against the original.

his Regiment at Savannah until July 1778 when he was furloughed for 3 months and went home -- on his return he met a soldier who informed him that his company had in his absence been removed to and was then stationed in Augusta in Georgia where he rejoined it in October 1778 shortly afterwards his company with others was detached and marched under Colonel Ray or Rhea to Golphins Cow pens on the Ogeechee River to guard the Commissioners appointed to treat at that place with the Creek Indians -- that after the treaty with the Indians was concluded having marched back through Augusta to Savannah where he arrived on the 24th day of December 1778 and continued there until about the last of April 1779 when by leave of his Officers he hired a substitute to serve out the remaining 3 months of his term of 3 years and returned home -- he received a written discharge for his full time of 3 years signed as he believes by his Colonel I have lost the same.

He states that when he first joined his Regiment at Savannah he was under the command of General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] and for some time thereafter and the balance of his time he served under the command of General Howe (not Sir William) [Robert Howe].

Thus this applicant faithfully served his Country in the war of the Revolution 2 years and 9 months and in the predatory war which he immediately preceded open and avowed hostilities 12 months in all 3 years and 9 months -- he states that after the Revolution [picks back up with Fold3.com] he resided in Orange County North Carolina until he removed to Hopkins County in the State of Kentucky where he now resides -- He states that he is known to James Robeson & James Armstrong in his present neighborhood and that they can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except William Fraser of the County of Henderson in the State of Kentucky whose affidavit is hereunto annexed marked A, which goes to substantiate the foregoing statements in part. 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 & year first aforesaid.

S/ John Phipps



[James Robeson, a clergyman, and James Armstrong gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Hopkins County

I William Frazier² of the County of Henderson & State aforesaid now in the County of Hopkins aforesaid the Soldier of the Revolution aged eighty-six years state that I know of my own knowledge that John Phipps now of the said County of Hopkins was a Soldier of the Revolution that he enlisted in Amelia County in the State of Virginia in the year 1775 or 1776 for three years under Captain Thomas Scott of the 3rd Georgia Regiment -- that this affiant was a Sergeant in said company & Regiment & said Phipps was also a Sergeant that they, that is, said Phipps & this affiant were marched from Prince Edward County in Virginia where our Captain resided to Savannah in Georgia where we joined our Regiment under the command of Colonel Screven & Major Robards -- Said Phipps by himself & his substitute employed with the assent of

² I could not find a federal pensioner who matched this affiant.

his officers served his full term of 3 years and Savannah & other parts of Georgia and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Wm Fraser

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Fraser", written in dark ink on a light-colored surface. The signature is somewhat slanted and includes a small flourish at the end.

Subscribed & sworn to before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Hopkins aforesaid -- the undersigned further certifies that the affiant is a credible person. The 8th of February 1832

S/ James Armstrong, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 3 years in the Georgia and Virginia militia.]