

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Reagan (Regan) S22462

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State of Pennsylvania Westmoreland County: SS


On this 23rd day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Philip Reagan a resident of East Huntington Township in the County of Westmorland aforesaid and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy-six years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That he volunteered in the service of the United States in the year 1775 and served in the Second Virginia Regiment under the following named Officers –

This Declarant, when he volunteered was in Frederick County Virginia, their entered the Company commanded by Captain Morgan Alexander, Lieutenant George Rump [?]¹, Second Lieutenant Marquis Calemes [Marquis Calmes] and Ensign John Holder sometime in February in the year 1775, then marched to Yorktown in Virginia where he remained stationed until sometime in February 1776 when he was discharged being all the time under the General Command of Major Spotswood –

This Declarant was during the year 1775 at Yorktown employed in watching the Bay and keeping the British from landing who frequently came up the Bay in small vessels to plunder. On one Occasion this Declarant with fifteen others all under the command of Captain Alexander succeeded in taking twenty-four British privates, one Lieutenant and two Negroes prisoners, who had landed at the Bay in a small Schooner which they also obtained possession of – This Declarant says that they took the prisoners to York from which place he believes they were taken to Williamsburg –

This Declarant immediately after his discharge at Yorktown returned to Frederick County in Virginia where he enlisted in the Service of the United States which was some time in February in the year 1776 again into the Company of Morgan Alexander and was marched to Baltimore with the Second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Spotswood who was advanced from the ranks of Major. This Declarant, the day after his Arrival at Baltimore was selected out of the Regiment with one hundred others under the Command of Captain Taylor and sent to the Head of Elk to assist the Whigs against the Tories, where we remained a few weeks, then returned by the way of Annapolis to Baltimore – from which place he went to Philadelphia with the Second Virginia Regiment there remained in the Barracks until the month of October in



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the year 1776 when Colonel Spotswood marched the most of us to New Jersey where we joined General Greens [presumably Nathanael Green's] Division who being unable to cope with the British forces retreated still [?] from before them until we were near Philadelphia where I took the small Pox and received a furlough for sixty days –

This Declarant then accompanied his cousin Daniel Regan² (who was advanced from an Ensign to a lieutenantancy) on the a recruiting Expedition to Pittsburgh where this Declarant had an uncle living – we reached Petersburg sometime in the spring of the year 1777 where Colonel Gibson [John Gibson], Captain Heath [Henry Heth] and Lieutenant Regan detained me with my own consent in what was called the Independent Company and sent another man in my place with a great number of other recruits to Headquarters at Philadelphia –

In Pittsburgh with the Company to which I belonged commanded by Captain Henry Heath there were three others, the Captains of which were Harrison, Ohara [James O'Hara], & Sullivan all under the command of Colonel Gibson and were there engaged in repairing the Fort there as well as in scouting against the Indians until the fall of the year of 1777 when we left Pittsburgh for Mackintosh and there was building at a Fort and occasionally scouting and going express to Pittsburgh until the commencement of McIntosh's Campaign or the Squaw Campaign as it was frequently called which was sometime in February in the year 1778 – In this Campaign we crossed the Big Beaver but was ~~unable~~ to cross its Head waters to a town called Cayhoga [Cuyahoga] which was the object of the Expedition, but destroyed a number of other Indian Towns, killed and took some prisoners then returned to Pittsburgh which was sometime in March of the year 1779 –

This Declarant remained in Pittsburgh under the Command of Captain Heath until sometime in the fall of the year 1779 when he received a written discharge under the signature of Captain Heath and General McIntosh which discharge I sent by Captain Rice to Richmond Virginia some time after the Revolutionary War, who never brought the discharge but obtained for me something like \$20.

This Declarant often wrote and sent to Richmond for the said discharge but never could obtain it. Therefore has not in his possession any Documentary Evidence of his service which was altogether five years and for which he claims a pension –

This Declarant knows only two persons living who can testify to my service when at Pittsburgh one of whom lives near Jacksonville in Westmoreland Pennsylvania and served in the same Company with this Declarant for the term of three years by the name of Jacob Byerly³ – the other lives in Armstrong County Pennsylvania by the name of Samuel Murphy⁴ who this Declarant believes was a member of Harrison's Company –

Old age and the consequent loss of memory is so great that this Declarant cannot set forth the particulars of his service more fully.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

The following answers were made by this Declarant to the questions propounded by the Court as prescribed by the war Department –

1. In Frederick County Virginia in the year 1756
2. I have not, nor ever had but have seen one as kept by my father –

² I think there is a substantial likelihood that this is the same man whose widow filed for a pension in [Daniel Reagan \(Ragan, Regan\) W5689](#)

³ [Jacob Byerly S22672](#)

⁴ [Samuel Murphy S22413](#)

3. Was born in Frederick County Virginia – Have lived since my discharge in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania and now live there –

4. The answer to this Interrogatory is contained in the foregoing Declaration

5. All that I recollect in answer to this Interrogatory is stated in the foregoing Declaration

6. This Interrogatory the answer to which is contained in the foregoing Declaration –

7. Dr. James Estop, Squire Gasper Tarr, Paul Hough

Sworn him to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Randal McLachlan, P A.

S/ Philip Reagan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Reagan", is written over a background of small black dots. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

In the following certificate this Declarant was unable [to] procure a Clergyman as the form requires. This Declarant lived 16 miles from the County Seat and is unknown to any of the Clergyman resident in or near it.

S/ Philip Reagan

[John Wells, Esquire and John Sample 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 militia.]