

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Huckaby S31766

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State of Georgia County of Wilkes } On this third day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court, before the Inferior court of said County now sitting for ordinary purposes Philip Huckaby a resident of said County & State aged Seventy two years the Seventeenth day of last January, 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein set forth. He volunteered in 1779 or '80, he cannot recollect which, but knows it was the year of Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780],¹ and, on or about, the first of June in that year, under Captain Haray McKins [sic, Harrison Macon], served in a Regiment under Col. Axom (first name not recollected) [Benjamin Exum] and who was commanded by General Caswell [Richard Caswell]. That at the time of volunteering he resided in Franklin County North Carolina. That he volunteered for three months the service to have been rendered out of the State if necessary, but that he not only in that engagement served out the time for which he volunteered but did as much as five months service, part of which was rendered in the State of North Carolina. That he was dismissed in November following at Hillsboro North Carolina having served five months as above stated. That he was at the Battle known as Gates defeat during this engagement. That when he left Franklin County, where he had volunteered, he went to a place called Cross Creek in North Carolina it having been appointed as a place of rendezvous for his Corps from thence he was marched to Rugeley's Mills in South Carolina near Camden. From thence to the battle of Gates defeat. That after that battle and during the confusion that ensued he fell in with a Col. Sowell [probably Benjamin Seawell] of North Carolina and remained with him a few days from whom he obtained a furlough for 15 days with an engagement to meet after that time at Hillsboro, but finding no officers there he went to General Gates who gave him a furlough to go home when he returned home, and fell in with some troops going to Hillsboro, with whom he returned to that place, where a board of a war was then in session composed of Orin Davis and two others, whose names he does not now recollect, who discharged him at Hillsboro. His Captain (McKin) having been wounded at Gates defeat did not join the Army and did not return home until the end of that year.

That he entered the service again in the same County (Franklin North Carolina) under Captain Robert Height [sic, Robert High] who having returned home he was put under the

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

command of Captain Thomas Short [sic, Thomas Shute], Under the command of Col. Linton [Lt. Col. Thomas Linton], at first, but before his term of service expired, Col. Linton having been ordered off, Col. Sedgraves [sic, John Sitgreaves] took command of the Regiment. That he entered the service this term about a year after he entered the first time say the first of June in the year after Gates defeat (1779 or 1780). That he was drafted and ordered out to do a three month tour which he performed, that he was in no battle during this engagement: that when he left Franklin County on this, his last, tour he marched to the town of Halifax North Carolina from thence to Tarboro, from thence down towards the West [sic, East], in the direction of New Bern and Wilmington, all in North Carolina: that this service was rendered in the character of a musician (fifer): that he was discharged from this term of service at Halifax; that this last term of service was rendered for the purpose of scouting among the Tories, that he does not recollect during either term of his service to have been with any Continental regiments or companies, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services except those whose affidavits he has hereto annexed. 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 in open Court the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ Phillip Huckaby, X his mark

Attest John H Dyson, CCC

[Joseph Holmes, a clergyman, and Thomas Simms gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

After propounding to said Philip Huckaby the questions² directed by the War Department he made the following answers, to wit

To the 1st He answers in Halifax County North Carolina on the 17th of January 1762.

To the 2nd That he has no record of his age.

To the 3rd In Franklin County North Carolina when called into service where he continued to reside until 1794 when he removed to Wilkes County Georgia where he has resided ever since.

To the 4th the first time as a volunteer, the 2nd time he was drafted to serve in the 2nd division.

To 5th He recollects no regular officers having been with the troops with whom he served and answers further that he has stated as much of the regiments with whom he served and of the general circumstances of his service in his declaration above as he can recollect.

To the 6th He answers that he received two discharges one at Hillsboro from a board of war one of the members of which was Orrin Davis – The other at Halifax (Town) North Carolina from Col. Thomas (he thinks) Sedgraves and Captain Thomas Short as he believes not being able to read he cannot be certain by whom it was signed: but knows that both were present in the room when it was given.

² Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

S/ Phillip Huckaby, X his mark

[p 10: On February 25, 1834 in Oglethorpe County Georgia, Sarah Dorsy and Lucrecy Huckaby gave testimony that they are the sisters of Philip Huckaby and recollect his serving two tours of duty during the revolutionary war. They did not give their ages. They signed with their respective marks.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]