

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levi Phillips S31906

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State of Georgia Carroll County } Personally came before us in open Court Levi Phillips a resident of this County 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 on the 7th of June 1832

He states that he is Eighty-one {81} years of age and that he entered the service of the United States on the 25th day of September 1781 and served in a tower [sic, tour] of duty of three months under the command of the following officers Captain Branon [sic, John Brandon] commanded the company and was attached to Colonel Lock's Regiment [sic, Francis Locke's Regiment] the whole detachment was commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] we rendezvoused at Fifer's Mill [sic, Phifer's Mills] in Roan [sic, Rowan] County North Carolina we were marched from thence through Macklenburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County to hanging rock where he served out his time and was discharged in the spring of the year 1782 the month not recollected he was again drafted for three months was rendezvoused at Fifer's Mills he does not recollect the names of the Captain that commanded the Colonel was Locke and under the command of General Davidson or Davison [William Lee Davidson]¹ we were marched from the place of rendezvous to Wilmington North Carolina where after his turn of service had expired he was discharged he served three other towers but from loss of memory he cannot recollect the names of the officers nor the particular time he served * & that he was in no battles served in the [end of page one]

*The applicant having proved but 6 months service will be willing to receive a pension for that

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Continental or regular regiments but cannot say what Regiment he was attached to nor does he know of any person now living that can inform him he hereby Relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in this State nor of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this

S/ Levi Phillips, X his mark

January 7th 1833

S/ Wm G. Springer, JIC

S/ H. S. Mabry, JIC

¹ William Lee Davidson was killed at the Battle of Cowpens Ford on February 1, 1781.

S/ Jas H. Rodgers, JIC

Answers to Interrogatories from the War-department²

Ans. 1. He was born in the State of Maryland Cecil County on the 20st September 1751

Ans. 2. He has a record at his son's in Campbell County Georgia

Ans. 3. He was living in Rowan County North Carolina has lived in Oglethorpe & Putnam counties and now resides in Carroll County all of this State

Ans. 4. He was drafted

Ans. 5. He knew General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Colonel W. Washington [William Washington] and served with some Continental troops but does not recollect the Regiment the general circumstances has been related in the declaration.

Ans. 6. He received a discharge at the end of each term but have lost them

Answer 7. Hincea P. Mabry, John & Wm. G. Springer are acquainted & can & do certify in his favor.

[H. P. Mabry, Wm G. Springer and John Gayden, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

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.