

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Phillips S35559

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### Original Claim

State of Kentucky Estill County Sct.

On this seventeenth day of May 1830, Zachariah Phillips personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Estill County aforesaid, being at the May term 1830 thereof, said court being expressly made a Court of Record by the Act of Assembly creating it; and said Zachariah Phillips being a resident citizen of said County and aged sixty-seven years on the 9th day of January 1830 and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare as follows in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that he, the said Zachariah Phillips, enlisted for the term of one year in the month of April 1781, that he is positive as to the year of his enlistment but cannot now speak with certainty as to the month or day of the month, though it is his best information that he enlisted in the month of April in that year and he recollects that he joined the company of Captain Thomas Denahoe [sic, Thomas Donoho] on the first day of June 1781 -- that he the said Phillips enlisted in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by said Donoho, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Dickson [sic, Henry "Hal" Dixon] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment -- that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the first day of June 1782 (as well as he can now recollect) when he was discharged from the service in the State of South Carolina near Bacon's Bridge, though he did not receive his certificate of discharge until he arrived at Salisbury in North Carolina to which place, he, with the other men, were marched and he recollects that said certificate was signed by Colonel Murphy [sic, Hardy Murfree], on whom the command of said Regiment devolved, and at the time of his said Phillips discharge Captain William Walton had succeeded the said Donoho in the command of said Company -- and that he the said Phillips hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any State except North Carolina and that the following all the reasons for his not making an earlier application for a pension to wit --

On the 18th March 1818 the said Phillips was living in Monroe County Virginia and in or about February 1822 he removed with his family to Scott County in that State and from said Scott County the declarant moved with his family to Estill County, Kentucky in the summer of 1825 in which last mentioned County he has continued to reside ever since -- and that he was under the belief that he could not sustain his claim to a pension until he could go to North Carolina and procure evidence to establish his enlistment and services as a soldier and though he

has intended for several years to make his application, that intention has been frustrated by his want of means to wit a horse and money, to effect [affect] his trip to North Carolina to get said testimony together with his inability for a great part of the time from age and infirmity to perform such a journey and he had not the means to procure an agent to go and do the business for him -- and never until very recently did he learn that the trip to North Carolina might be dispensed with if his name should be found on the North Carolina Roll which he has lately ascertained [indecipherable word or words] an inquiry instituted at the War office at the instance of said declarant.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 and herewith filed marked B. And that since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property as specified in another schedule hereto annexed marked A and by me also subscribed -- and I do solemnly further swear that the statement contained in and upon said two schedules are true and contained the whole truth on the subject to which they relate to the best of my knowledge and belief -- and I do further swear that I am now a single man (my wife having died) that my children have all left me, being either married or having turned out for themselves -- that I am not a mechanic having [indecipherable word] followed farming for a livelihood and have occasionally followed the business of making gunpowder & my children are able to take care of themselves and are no charge to me -- and that from my advanced age and increasing infirmities I am unable to procure a comfortable livelihood by the pursuit of any occupation whatever -- and none of my family live with me, my youngest child being a son of the age of seventeen years.

As witness my hand this 17th day of May 1830

Signed S/ Zachariah Phillips



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A Schedule of Property owned and held by Zachariah Phillips on the 17th May 1830, to wit,

One mare Bridle & Saddle of the value of	\$20.00
Ax	.75
Two Augers	.50
One Shoel plane [?]	.75
Thirty pounds of Salt petrer [sic, saltpeter] worth	3.00
2 Bells worth	1.25
2 Water pails worth	.50
2 pot hooks	.75
2 Horse Collars	.50
Remant of an old clock	3.00
5 Lbs powder	1.00

2 lbs Sulpher

.25  
\$32.25

The following property and debts are due and owing to me from Sundry persons as below, to wit

From Franklin Phillips 380 pounds of saltpeter worth \$38.00

From Jacob Meadows 20 pounds of saltpeter worth 2.00  
\$40.00

The Declarant does in the sd State of Kentucky about \$20 for debts contracted there since his removal into said State, and he states that the foregoing is a true Schedule of all of his property and debts due to him at this time, as witness my hand this 17th May 1830

Attest:

S/ Zachariah Phillips

S/ Robt. Clark, Clk, ECC

Schedule of property held by Zachariah Phillips & disposed of since 18 March 1818

Description of property held by the Declarant Zachariah Phillips on the 18th March 1818	The names of the persons to whom disposed of and terms & by sale or other wise	Time when sold or otherwise disposed of	Amount of money and description of property received in return for them if sold or swapped
One sorrel horse of the value of \$50	This horse died in the summer of 1819		
One sorrel mare of the value of \$50	This horse died in the summer of 1822		
One black mare, aged 23 years of value of \$20	This mare died in the year 1822		
Five milch [milk] cows of the average value of \$15 each in all amounting in value \$75	One of the cows died before the year 1822—three of them died in the year 1822—One of them the declarant gave to his daughter Nancy Hale on being intermarried with Robert Hale and the other cow the declarant sold to Robert Campbell	The Cow was sold to said Robert Campbell in the year 1821 & the cow was given to his daughter Nancy Hale in 1823	For the Cow sold to Robert Campbell declarant received seven dollars in part discharge of a debt of \$10 which said Declarant Phillips owed him.
Seven head of sheep worth about \$10	Died or killed by wolves before the year 1822 except one of them that strayed away and was never found		
Five young cattle	Sold when young to	The times of these	The amount received

worth about \$20	different persons from time to time and the names of the persons to whom sold not recollected	sales not recollected	for sale of these cattle not recollected but the proceeds were applied to the subsistence of declarant's family
Pair cart wheels	Sold by Thomas Carter under exon [sic, execution] for \$2 in Scott County [several indecipherable words]		

Household and kitchen furniture owned by Declarant Phillips on the 18th March 1818 together with his farming utensils did not then exceeding value \$40 (excepting necessary bedding)

Some of his furniture has since worn out and been destroyed in the use of it -- and from time to time have been sold to persons whose names are not now recollected and for prices also forgot and -- but the proceeds thereof have been applied from time to time to the support and subsistence of Declarant's family.

The horses cattle and sheep within mentioned are dead and the property of the Declarant Phillips except that previously to the death of one of the cows he had given her to his daughter Sally Edens who had intermarried with William Edens -- as witness my hand this 17th day of May 1832

S/ Zachariah Phillips

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Zach<sup>a</sup> Philips a private Soldier in Captain Donoho's [Thomas Donoho's] Company of the 10th Regiment<sup>1</sup> enlisted the 25th May 1781 for the term of 12 months and left the service on the 25th day of May 1782.

Given under my hand this 20th day of March 1830

S/ W. Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 29, 1830, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]

<sup>1</sup> J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 1<sup>st</sup> NC Regiment. See, [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_privates\\_p.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_p.html) and search for "Phillips, Zachariah."