

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Phillips S35560

MD [sic] VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

I Jacob Phillips of the county of Mercer and State of Kentucky do hereby State on oath in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress concerning revolutionary Soldiers that in the month of July 1776 I enlisted with Capt. Thomas West in 6th Virginia Reg't. Commanded by Col. Rawlings [Moses Rawlings, VAS683; see endnote] on Continental establishment. In the County of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] in the s'd State fo Virginia; that I faithfully served as a regular Soldier having enlisted for three years at first until the 16th Nov 1776 when I was taken prisoner at Fort Washington by the British & Lay in Irons until the 24th December following and was kept by the British & sent round to the South in the fall 1779 where I made my escape from them on Pedee [Pee Dee River] at Cheraw hills South Carolina & again in 1780 I volunteered In William Georges [William George, pension application R20373] company of Col. Merraweathers Reg't. [sic: see endnote] & was present and aided in taking Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781] that I am now old & stand in need of the assistance of my country for support that at this time I can procure no other evidence of my services I have long since lost my discharge Given under my hand this 5th August 1819

Jacob Phillips

Mercer County Sct. August County Court 1820

Jacob Phillips a pensioner of the united States produced into Court the following Schedule and affidavit and made oath to the same Towit,

State of Kentucky Mercer County Sct.

An Inventory of all and singular the goods and Chatles & state & Income of Jacob Phillips of the aforesaid County (his bed and wearing apparel excepting) given according to an act of congress approved the first day of May 1820 Concerning united States Pensioners. he the said Jacob Phillips being a pensioner on the list of the Pensioners of the United States of America as per Certificate from the war department dated 27th day of January 1820

One Cow & two Calves \$14.00

One Iron 16 Gallon Kettle 6.00

One D'o 8 Gallon Pot

One D'o 5 Gallon D'o

One D'o 2 Gallon D'o

One D'o Small Dutch Oven

Four Old Chairs

Four dollars worth of Cupboard furniture

One old shovel Plough

One small old Barshear plough

One Old axe

One small Garden hoe

One Table

One old corner Cupboard

Jacob hisXmark Phillips

The valuation of the within property by us \$50 dollars I Jacob Phillips of the County of Mercer and State aforesaid do solomly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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.

Jacob hisXmark Phillips

NOTES:

Although Phillips served from Virginia, the file jacket erroneously lists him also as a Maryland soldier.

In 1776 Capt. Thomas West was not yet in the 6th Virginia Continental Regiment, which was then commanded by Col. Mordecai Buckner. Most likely Jacob Phillips entered service in the company of Thomas West while the latter was a Captain in Col. Hugh Stephenson's Virginia and Maryland Rifle Battalion. After Stephenson died in the fall of 1776, command of the regiment devolved to Col. Moses Rawlings. The regiment ceased to exist after it was captured at the surrender of Fort Washington.

After Rawlings escaped or was exchanged in 1778, he took command of an Additional Continental Regiment. Lt. William George, who had also been captured at Ft. Washington, was exchanged in 1780 and became Captain of a company in Rawlings's Additional Continental Regiment. There was no Col. "Merrawether" or Meriwether in that regiment.

A document in the file states that Phillips died on 30 Sep 1820.