

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Phipps S35561

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Joshua Phipps aged seventy-two years this day personally appeared before me Christopher Tompkins one of the Circuit Judges for the State of Kentucky and Judge of the Green Circuit Court; & made oath, That in the year 1776 he enlisted as a soldier in the American Continental Army in the revolutionary war with Great Britain, – He enlisted & served one year in Captain Thomas Bowyer's Company in the Regiment of Colonel (afterwards General) Matthews [George Mathews] of the Virginia line. After having served one year as aforesaid he obtained a regular written discharge at the White Plains in Chester or Philadelphia County Pennsylvania, which discharge has been mislaid, lost or destroyed, so that it cannot now be produced. The said Joshua Phipps further declared & made oath, That from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support. – His place of residence is in Green County, Kentucky. 25 May 1818

S/ Joshua Phipps {Seal}



The foregoing affidavit was sworn to & subscribed before me this 25th May 1818

S/ Christopher Tompkins

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District of Kentucky, SS.

On this 14th day of May 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Green County Court for the said district, personally appeared Joshua Fips (alias Phipps) aged 73 years, resident in Green County in the said district who being by me first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said Joshua Fips (or Phipps) enlisted for the term of one year in March or April in the year 1776 in Botetourt [County] in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Bowyers of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mathews in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the full end of twelve months, when he was discharged from service in Bux, Chester or Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that he was in no particular battle but after his discharge raised a

volunteer Company & Served as a Lieutenant & was in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781]¹ and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

S/ Joshua Phipps

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Murray, JG CC

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District of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 25th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of record for the County of Green Joshua Phipps aged 75 years resident in Green County and district aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mathews (afterwards General) in Captain Thomas Bowyer's Company of the Virginia line which will more fully appear by my affidavit filed in the Secretary of War's office dated 25th May 1818 and on which issued a Pension Certificate Numbered 12766 dated 25th June 1819. And I do solemnly 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 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 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 to wit, One mare, two head of Cattle, ten head of Hogs, one ax, one old hoe, one bond for \$400 upon a man who is known insolvent. I am in debt about \$40, I am a farmer by trade but at this advanced age cannot support myself, and my family by my labor, I have a wife aged 73 years quite helpless.

S/ Joshua Phipps

Sworn to and declared on the 25th day of September 1820 before the Green County Court in Session

S/ John Barret, clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 25, 1818, for service as a private for one year in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html