

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Philips (Phillips) S36223

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District of Columbia, SS

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the said District personally appeared John Phillips aged about 65 years, resident in Alexandria 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 John Phillips in September 1776 enlisted in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Blackwell in the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan]; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the month of September in the year 1779 when he was discharged from service in the state of New Jersey not far from Paulus Hook; that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], and Brunswick [June 22, 1777]; that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, that he delivered his discharge into the land office at Richmond and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

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

S/ W. Cranch

District of Columbia County of Alexandria Sct.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1828, personally appeared before me William Cranch Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Columbia being a Court of Record for the District aforesaid John Phillips resident in said County aged about seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820: that he the said John Phillips enlisted for the term of three years on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Blackwell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1779 when he was discharged from the service in Ramapole near Powlers hook [Paulus Hook] in the State of New Jersey; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name has been placed on the pension list, that the number of his pension certificate is 4547 and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property because he had a small office of Collector of the Corporations of Alexandria for the Southern Ward until the year 1820, when he became so

severely afflicted with the Rheumatism as to be unable to perform his duty and was therefore obliged to resign his Office; and because he could not subsequently conscientiously make [one or more words indecipherable] as was required by the regulations of the Department of war being in hopes that he would be able to support himself without the aid of his country; and the said John Phillips took the following oath – 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. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, no changes have been made in property; – And also made oath that he is by trade a Taylor but the Rheumatism with which he has been for some time afflicted, has dislocated the joints of his fingers and his hands are so clamped that he cannot work at his trade, nor is he able to walk but on crutches nor to do anything for his support. That he remembers the defeat of General Braddock [July 9, 1755] and believes that he is about 78 years old: that his family consist only of himself and a daughter aged about 47 years, who is in bad health and so infirm as not to be able to contribute to the support of the family and that by reason of bodily disability he is unable to attend personally in Court.

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A Schedule of property owned by John Phillips of the Town and County of Alexandria.

3 small brick houses upper end of Duke Street in the suburbs of the Town

2 sheds back of the lot untenantable the whole being upon ground rent to Mr. A. C. Cazenove at the rate of \$60 per annum. One of the above 3 houses occupied by himself and the other to have been unoccupied for 2 months past, but have rented formerly 14 \$3.25 and the other for \$3 per month. There will be due in the beginning of May next for ground rent \$108. This property is assessed at the sum of \$1600.

For small old and much decayed tables

24 very old, in Windsor chairs

2 pair shovel and tongs much worn

2, and looking glasses

2 close stoves much out of repair

1 old clock out of order and not going for 6 months past for want of means to have it repaired

1 old frame of Sopha [sofa?]

1 old Desk and Bureau

1 dozen teaspoons, 13 table Ditto

1 dozen old knives and forks

1/2 dozen cups and saucers

1 dozen plates & 3 dishes

1 pair candlesticks

1 old Rag carpet

3 cooking pots & 1 tea kettle

due from Boggett for rent \$5.75 & from Clark \$5.75

S/ John Phillips

Alexandria 23 April 1828

[The court valued the property of the veteran at \$700]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 24, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]