

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Phebus S3683

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[Because of poor penmanship the spelling of most of the names is unclear.]

The State of Ohio } Ss

Pickaway County } On this 10th day of August personally appeared in open court before David Herman, Thomas Renick and Samuel Lybrand associate Judges of the court of Common Pleas of Pickaway County now holding on special session at Circleville in said County George Phebus Senior a resident of Deer Creek township in the said County of Pickaway and State of Ohio born on the 12th day of July 1762 & aged seventy years on the 12th day of July last past who being first 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following-named officers, and served as herein stated, to wit. That he was born in Somerset County in the State of Maryland and resided there at the commencement of the revolutionary war that for four years prior to 1781, he held himself constantly in readiness & and was subject to be called out to defend the inhabitants along the Chesapeake [sic: Chesapeake] Bay whenever & wherever the British might land at a moments warning – that during that period he was frequently called out to different points in that & the adjoining counties for short tours, sometimes he was in service only a few days and sometimes a month at once as the emergency might require, the British lying off in sight of the land, during a considerable portion of that time – that he verily believes he was in actual service more than one half of the during said four years as a militia-man of Maryland, but cannot recollect the particular dates and spaces of time he was out at each or any one tour so as to specify them more particularly. that George Dashiell of Somerset County was the Colonel and Thomas Irvin of the same County the Major of the militia regiment, to which he belonged, at that time & the company officers were John Dashiell Captain, John Jones Lieutenant & Benjamin Lucey Ensign – that during the winter & spring of 1781, he was in actual service, in the Maryland militia, three months or more at one tour, under the officers of the regiment before-named & in a company commanded by Lambert Highland as Captain, George Irvin as Lieutenant and William McClarey as Ensign – that during this tour, he was marched to Dorchester & Worcester Counties, in Maryland, to defend the inhabitants, against the incursions of the British. Immediately after this term of service expired, he volunteered in said County of Somerset, where he then resided, into the Maryland State troops, to serve from the 10th of May 1781 until the 10th of December 1781 – that under this engagement, he was marched from Somerset County to Annapolis, in said state, in July or August of that year, under Captain John McCloyster, to be joined into a regiment at Annapolis. Soon after his arrival there, he was placed in a battalion belonging to the fourth regiment of State troops, commanded by Major Roxberry, whose first name he thinks was William [sic: Alexander Roxburgh]; the company in which he was here placed, was commanded by John Crumpton [John Compton?] as Captain; William Ranson as Lieutenant and Nathaniel Bassuet as Ensign. After lying at Annapolis a few weeks, he was marched to Yorktown in the State of Virginia, where he arrived on the first day of October 1781 & from that time until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, on the 19th of October he was actively engaged in the siege. After the surrender of the British army, he was marched in charge of the prisoners then taken, to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in the State of Virginia, where the Virginia troops took charge of the prisoners and he was marched from thence back to Annapolis in the state of Maryland; where he was honorably discharged on the 4th day of December 1781. He returned his discharge, to the governor of Maryland, when he received his last pay for this service & has seen nothing of it since that time & does not now know where it is. The Maryland troops with which he served at this time, wee commanded by General [William] Smallwood and General Guest [sic: Mordecai Gist] & the entire troops by General Washington. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his said service – that he was born in the County of Somerset and State of Maryland on the 12th day of

July 1762 – that he has a record of his age, in a Bible kept by his Father that is now in the family – that he was living in said County of Somerset, when he entered the service – that he resided there awhile, after the revolutionary war ceased, and then removed in the year 1786 to Virginia, where he resided nine years & then removed to the State of Kentucky, where he resided four years & then removed to this state & within the present limits of Pickaway County – that he now resides in Deer Creek township in said Pickaway County & State of Ohio – that among the regular officers at York General Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Generals [Anthony] Wayne, Baron Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben], Gens. Smallwood & Guest that his discharge was signed by Thomas Johnson secretary for Maryland & given up to the governor of Maryland as stated above – that he is known to Robert Martin & S. Phebus in his present neighbourhood, who can testify to his character for veracity & his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension-roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

George hisXmark Phebus Sen'r.

[Certified by Robert Martin and Samuel Phebus.]