

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Phillips S3685

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State of Tennessee Overton County Circuit Court} September Term 1832

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, it being a court of record, before the Honorable Nathaniel W. Williams Circuit Judge in & for the third Judicial Circuit in the State of Tennessee, William Phillips a resident citizen of the County of Overton in the State of Tennessee aged 76 years past who being first duly sworn according to the laws of the land doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on June 7th, 1832. He entered the service of the United States as a private soldier under the following named officers and served as a private soldier

He states that in the fall of the year (cannot say with certainty the year), he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer rifleman for a tour of three months, in the County of Rowan North Carolina, Marched into a place now called Hiwassee in the State of Tennessee, then Cherokee Nation, against the Indians.<sup>1</sup> His Captain was by the name of Berringer [sic John Barringer]. General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] commanded, Colonel Francis Locke was in command. They had a small engagement at the Valley Towns, but the Indians soon fled. They destroyed the towns & took some prisoners, took one Indian called Hicks and his wife with many other prisoners & some property. They found some Tories with the Indians. Upon another occasion while he with some others were cutting down corn, they were fired on by the Indians & some were killed, one man who was standing by him was shot down. Nothing more of importance happened during his tour of service. He was discharged & returned home.

Some time after this he was drafted for three months and marched under the command of the same officers, that is General Rutherford, Colonel Locke & Captain Barringer. He marched to a place called New Providence in the same State, and was there stationed & remained for the whole time of his service and was discharged without being in any engagement.

He states that owing to the frailty of his recollection arising in part from his old age & in part from the fact of a wound on his head, which he received during the war from some Tories, he is unable to state with certainty the dates, and to be very minute in his details. He knows of no person by whom he can prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes all claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to in open court 24th of September 1832

S/ William Phillips, X his mark

George W. Sevier, Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html)

By S/ E. N. Cullom, DC

William Phillips makes this additional statement, that he has no written or documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of anyone in his power by whom he can prove his services.

S/ William Phillips

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this eighth day of September 1833

George W. Sevier, Clerk

By E. N. Cullom, DC

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born? Rowan County North Carolina and in the year 1756

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ar: I have, and it is at home

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ar. Rowan County North Carolina, continued to live in that State, he moved next into Blount County Tennessee, and from that County to where I now live & ever since have lived, that he is Overton County Tennessee

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ar. I volunteered the first tour of service & the second I was drafted

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ar. I cannot tell the names of any other regiments or officers than I have already stated.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ar. I never received any discharge

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Joseph Looper, Stephen Upton, Magnus Looper, Riley Miller, Esq., & Hugh Miller

Sworn to in open Court 24 September 1832.

S/ William Phillips, X his mark

Geo W. Sevier, Clerk

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[Jesse Ashburn and Isaac Crabtree gave the standard supporting affidavit and stated that there is no clergyman who lives in the neighborhood who can testify as to the reputation and character of the veteran.]

[p 26: In a filing dated January 12, 1841, the veteran stated that he lived in Montgomery County North Carolina before moving to Overton County Tennessee 20 years past.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]