

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Langfit [Langfitt] S38126

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Fauquier County District and State of Virginia

On this 14th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber presiding and sole judge of the Superior Court of law for the County of Fauquier in the said District & State of Virginia personally appeared Philip Langfit resident in the County of Prince William and State aforesaid aged sixty years 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 Philip Langfit in the year 1776 enlisted as a common soldier in a company commanded by Captain John Fitzgerald deceased of Alexandria of the third Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, to serve the term of two years, that he did serve the above Term, and after his discharge at Valley Forge he enlisted in the horse under Captain William Washington deceased for the term of three years, and he served in the horse a short time under Captain Washington and afterwards finished the term of his enlistment under Captain John Herd, that he was discharged at Lancaster in Pennsylvania by Colonel White, that he was in the Battles of York Island, Trenton [December 26, 1776], Princeton [January 3, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for a support and that he has no other evidence of his aforesaid service except the annexed affidavits of Alexander Patton and Philip Linor – now in his power.

Test: S/ B. Dean, JP

S/ Philip Langfitt, X his mark

On this 14th day of April 1818 personally appeared before the subscriber President & the sole judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Fauquier in the State and District of Virginia Alexander Patton¹ and Philip Linor² credible witnesses and made oath that the above applicant Philip Langfitt enlisted as a soldier for the term of two years in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain John Fitzgerald of the third Virginia Regiment, [indecipherable word] served during that term, that the Deponents were soldiers in the same Regiment and they know that the said Philip Langfitt afterwards enlisted in the cavalry under Captain William Washington at Valley Forge, that they do not know the time of his enlistment or service in the horse, that he was a brave and find soldier and that he is now in such reduced circumstances as to require the aid of his country for support.

¹ [Alexander Patton S38981](#)

² FPA S38143

Sworn to before me the day and year above written.
S/ Robt. White

Prince William County Court August 9th 1820
Virginia SS

On the 8th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Prince William made so by express provision of Law, Philip Langfitt aged 63 years a resident in said County in the State of Virginia aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted as a private under Captain Fitzgerald in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in the year 1776, commanded by Colonel Weedon [George Weedon] and served in the foot for 2 years, he then enlisted in Captain John Herd's Company of Horse the Choir [sic, Corps] commanded by Colonel Milen [Stephen Moylan] and served three years and was discharged by Colonel White at Lancaster in Pennsylvania: that during his services he served in the following Battles, the battle of Trenton, Prince Town, Brandywine, and the battle of Monmouth, besides many skirmishes, and that he was wounded by a ball that was shot through his body at the battle of Monmouth: That his former declaration was made in the month of April 1818 and that the number of his pension Certificate is 2361 and he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed, to wit, and ordinary set of Cooper's Tools which articles the Court doth appraise to the sum of \$8. And he further declares upon his oath that his occupation is that of a Cooper and that he is lame and infirm and lacks bodily strength to pursue his trade: That his family is a wife aged 58 years, Sickly and infirm, one Daughter named Dolly aged 27 years, and one other daughter named Lucy aged 19 years –

Sworn to in Open Court June 8th 1820

[Attested as a true copy by the clerk of court whose signature is illegible]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 14th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]—9-page file indexed under "Francis Langfitt"

Francis Langfitt has served as Sergeant in the 4th Regiment of Lite Dragoons the Time of three years for which he enlisted. He belonged to the State of Virginia and has behaved himself as a faithful Soldier. He is now at his own request Discharged.

Given Colchester this 1st of May 178? [Last digit illegible]

S/ Stephen Moylan, Colo. L. D.

(Copy)

This is to Certify that Philip Langfitt has served three years in the Regiment Lite Dragoons as a good and faithful Soldier being the full term of his enlistment – he belonging to the State of Virginia.

December 5, 1780

S/ Lawrence Frank [??], Captain
4th Regiment L. D.

(Copy)

Prince William County to wit

William Tomlin Senior personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he is well acquainted with Philip Langfitt who made the annexed affidavit and that he served with him in the Revolutionary war in all the service mentioned in the annexed affidavit of Philip Langfitt except the minute service and that he verily believes the statement made by the said Langfitt is correct.

Given under my hand this 11th day of February 1823

S/ Charles Hunton

Fauquier March 24, 1823

Having already given an affidavit as to the services of Philip Langfit [sic] a soldier in the Revolution, and it having been said that so much as related to the enlistment of said Langfit for three years was omitted I do now certified that he enlisted under Colonel William Washington for three years and served his three years out. Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Tomlin, Snr.

State of Virginia Prince William County Sct.

Philip Langfitt being duly sworn on the Evangelist of Almighty God; doth say that he enlisted at Dumfries in the aforesaid County and State under Colonel William Grayson in the minute service in the year 1775 for one-year was then turned over to Captain John Fitzgerald of Alexandria and marched to Hampton in the aforesaid State, after serving for about nine months under the said Captain, he enlisted under the said Captain, for two years in the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment the subalterns under Captain Fitzgerald were David Earle 1st Lieutenant, Robert Dade 2nd Lieutenant and John Hawkins in some all residents of Alexandria. He was then marched to New York, after serving the two years or nearly so was marched to Valley Forge to go into winter quarters. He then reenlisted out of the aforesaid 3rd Regiment, in the Light Horse under the command of Colonel William Washington of Virginia for three years, after serving with said Washington about two months he was transferred to Colonel Milan's [Stephen Moylan's] Regiment of Light horse and served under Captain John Heard a resident of Woodbridge in New Jersey and belonging to the said Regiment commanded by Colonel Mila the balance of the three years he enlisted for. Lieutenant Overton and Lieutenant Dade Peyton were subalterns under Captain Heard. He was then marched to Lancaster in Pennsylvania and went into winter quarters and was there honorably discharged by Colonel White who had the command of the Troops at that station. The deponent further states that he lost his discharge but cannot recollect at what time. The deponent further states that about the year that Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], he enlisted at Dumfries under Captain Thomas Ewell a recruiting officer, and marched under Captain Ewell to Williamsburg and after peace was declared, marched back to Dumfries and was there honorably discharged – this deponent further states that he never received any bounty in Land for his services that he is about

sixty-four years old; was at the time of his enlistment of light complexion, blue eyes and [word written over and illegible] hair, about six feet high and further the deponent saith not.

S/ Philip Langfitt, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed this 4th day of October 1822 before me Charles [illegibly faint] a justice of the peace in and for Prince William County State of Virginia.