

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Phillips S39010

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On this day John Phillips came into Court and filed his affidavit for his pension in the words and figures following to wit State of Tennessee Lawrence County Court October Term 1822: On the Seventh day of October 1822 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County and State aforesaid John Phillips aged about Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and first of May 1820, that the said Philips enlisted for 3 years in the month of October 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Abraham Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard, Jr.] in the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard] in the line of the State of North Carolina that he was afterwards transferred to a company commanded by Major Murphy [sic, probably Hardy Murfree] in the 2nd North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel John Patison [sic, probably John Patton or Patten] that he continued to serve in said Company until discharged in the month of October he thinks in November 1777 at the White Planes [sic, White Plains] in the State of Connecticut which he got wet and went to pieces and was lost and he has no Evidence in his power except his own oath that the reason he was discharged before his time of service expired was because he was taken by the rumatic [sic, rheumatic?] pains and rendered unable thereby to serve his country that he was in the Battle of Monmouth bracket June 28, 1778] with the wagons my family consists of myself aged as aforesaid by occupation a farmer infirm by reason of said pains which have ever since followed him and of my wife aged about 70 years unable to help herself so much as to maintain herself 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 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—

S/ John Philips¹

¹ Not the veteran's actual signature as the declaration sent to the War Department is a copied certified by the county clerk of court to be a true and complete copy of the documents in his files.

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Schedule

One mare 3 cows and calves [sic] and one two year old steer, fifteen head of hogs one pot one
skillet [sic, skillet] one Dish Six plates and two Basons [sic]

S/ John Philips

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 24th of November 18[last 2 digits obliterated]

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears
from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that John
Phillips a private in Captain ___ Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the first day of
September 1777 for 3 years and discharged the 11th September 1778.

Given under my hand at office the date above

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 1, 1823, for service as a
private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]