

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levi Phillips S39011

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The State of South Carolina Greenville District: By the Honorable Waddy Thompson Esquire
one of the Judges of the Court of Equity in and for the State aforesaid

To all to whom these presents shall come be seen or made known Greasing;
Know ye that this day Levi Phillips came personally before me and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, That in the year 1777 at Lees burgh [Leesburg] in the State of Virginia he this deponent did Enlist as a private soldier for three years under [word or name obliterated] Roz Gill of Captain __ Calameese [probably Marquis Calmes, but possibly George Calmes also spelled Calmees and Calamees] Company of 2nd Virginia of the Virginia Line in the Continental Army this deponent was in the Battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778], & was afterwards drafted or chosen as an Artillery man to go to the southward and was at the Battle at the Hanging Rock¹ in South Carolina before which last battle the time of his enlistment expired, but after the defeat he joined General Greene's Army and was discharged at Near Salisbury N C and this deponent further saith that he sent his discharge by one Whitlock to Richmond Virginia for the purpose of getting his Bounty & pay, and this deponent saith he never saw Whitlock, his Discharge, Bounty or pay & that he has never received any pension from the United States, And that he has not the opportunity of getting his discharge or better evidence of his Enlistment on account of his remote situation from the place of his Enlistment & his old acquaintances, and that he hath always been a Citizen of the United States since his birth, and for the last 3 years resident of the District of Pendleton. And that from his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Levi Phillips, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord 1818 and in the 42 year of American Independence.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Court the date above written.

S/ W. Thompson

[f pp. 27-28: Veteran filed yet another application this one dated October 26, 1819. In this application he basically restates his services as set forth in his first application except that he states: "... this deponent did Enlist as a private Soldier for 3 years in a company which this deponent thinks was commanded by Captain Calameese or perhaps Catlet was Captain one

¹ This is probably a reference to the engagement known as the Battle of the Waxhaws or Buford's Defeat May 29, 1780.

Crawford was Lieutenant thereof of the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Feebecker under General Weeden [George Weedon] or Veeden this deponent was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth and was afterwards drafted or chosen as a Artillery man to go to the Southward and was at the Battle of the Hanging Rock in South Carolina before which last battle the time of his enlistment expired that after the defeat he joined General Greene's Army and was discharged at In Salisbury NC...."]

Schedule

The State of South Carolina Pendleton District: On this 27th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the Court of General Sessions of the peace Oyer and Terminer Assize and General Delivery, being a Court of Record for the said District Levi Phillips aged seventy years, a resident in Pendleton District in the said State 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 under Captain Callemeese of the second Regiment commanded by Colonel Febecker [Christian Febiger] of the Virginia Line was in the battles of Germantown, Brandywine, Monmouth, Trenton [December 26, 1776] & others; was discharged at Camden South Carolina by Captain Stokes [probably John Stokes]. An original declaration was made on the 15th day of May 1818 Number of Pension Certificate 16028. And 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. One hundred twenty acres of third quality land, two mares, one colt, twelve head of cattle, twenty head of hogs, seven plows, two hoes, two mattocks, four pots, two ovens, one skillet, two pair pot hooks, one foot-adds, two augers, three gimlets, two chisels, three axes, one iron wedge, one frow, two pair drawing chains, one claw hammer. By occupation a farmer, Wife Barbara age sixty years who is very unhealthy and troubled with the colic; & pains: Sarah aged twenty-five years, Barbara age twenty-three years, Melinda aged twenty-two years, Nancy aged twenty years, Melissa aged eighteen years, Polly aged fourteen years and George aged ten years. Family in all 9 persons.

Sworn to and declared on the 27th day of October 1820 before

Abm. Nott, Presiding Judge

S/ Levi Phillips, X his mark

[f p. 32: On October 4th, 1827 in Pendleton District South Carolina the veteran filed yet another application and schedule. This application is largely identical in its description of his military services as those transcribed above. In this application he describes his family of consisting of himself, and aged wife and one son and one daughter, all not named. The list of his property is substantially reduced from that set forth in his 1822 application but it does continue to contain the 120 acre tract of land. The court gave its opinion as to the value of the property owned by the veteran as being \$296.]

[f p. 13: On September 4, 1846 in Pickens District South Carolina, William S Grisham filed a power of attorney as executor of the estate of Levi Phillips. In the documents accompanying this

document there is a statement that the veteran died in Pickens District February 21, 1847.]
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 15, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]