

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Brittain S39243

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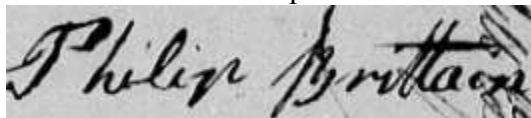
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District of West Tennessee

On this 15th day of June 1818, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said District, personally appears Philip Britain aged fifty-eight years and some few months, resident in the State of Tennessee, and in Bedford County in said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions 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 Brittain enlisted in Orange County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain John Rochel [sic, John Rochelle] of the 9th Regiment of Continental soldiers ^{commanded by Colonel John Williams}. That he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the US until or about the 1st day of February 1780 when he was discharged from service in Halifax town State of North Carolina, that he was in the Battle of Monmouth and one or two small skirmishes – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power for his said services. He further states that he has not his discharge that delivered it up at Hillsboro in North Carolina, when and adjustment of the soldiers claims was made, and he has never seen it since. That he never had any pension from the United States or any State.

S/ Philip Brittain

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Brittain". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

Major Howell Tatum¹ came before me and made oath, that on this day he has conversed with the applicant Phillip Brittain, and from his narrative of the march and campaign of the Army, in the revolutionary war he has no doubt of the truth of his statements in the foregoing affidavit, for he feels confident that no man who was not with the Army could state the circumstances which he now does, and that he now recollects that there was a soldier of the name

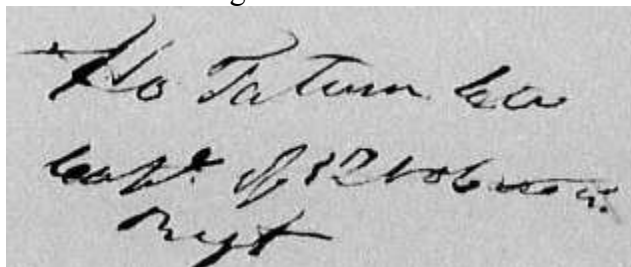
¹ [Howell Tatum R2027](#)

of Phillip Brittain in the service from the month of June 1778 until the time mentioned in the foregoing affidavit when they were discharged at Halifax in North Carolina, or when they came to Halifax.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 15th June 1818

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ Ho. Tatum Ser
Capt. of ?? No Carolina
Regt.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Ho. Tatum Ser" on the top line, "Capt. of ?? No Carolina" on the second line, and "Regt." on the third line. The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored.

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 9th April 1819

I hereby us Certify that Philip Britton stands mustered in the 9th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary war in a company commanded by Captain Wade, as a musician for three years, on the 3rd December 1776, a private January 1778. Discharged 27th January 1790

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

District of West Tennessee

On this 11th day of June 1822 personally appeared in open court in the Circuit Court of Bedford County State of Tennessee, the same being a court of record, before the Honorable Robert Mack one of the Circuit Judges of said State – Philip Brittain resident in said County aged sixty-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820, that he the said Philip Brittain enlisted for the term of 3 years in the month of December 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain John Rochelle, in the 9th Regiment in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, He continued to serve in said Company for 7 or 8 months, when he was transferred to Captain McCroup² [sic, ?] company in the same Regiment. He served in said company for 3 or 4 months, when he was transferred to the 1st Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark in the North Carolina line, He continued to serve in said Regiment about 2 years & one month, when he was discharged in January 1780 in the town of Halifax, North Carolina. He was in the battle of Monmouth & many skirmishes. He made a former declaration on the 16th day of April 1819 upon which he obtained a pension certificate,

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

² In a latter document, the veteran refers to this man as "Capt. McCrory" which is probably a reference to Thomas McCrory.

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

Schedule of real & personal property of Philip Brittain

2 Mares	1 Chest
1 Colt	½ Doz Pewter plates
2 Cows	1 Pewter Bason
1 Calf	2 Shovel Ploughs
4 Heiffers	2 Pair Chains
1 year old Steer	1 Axe
2 Sows	1 Meat Axe
8 Shoats	3 hoes
6 Pigs	2 Pair Pott hooks
1 Pot	1 Loom
1 Oven	
1 Skillet	
1 Frying pan	
1 Rifle gun old	
1 Bed	

S/ Philip Brittain

Sworn to in open Court 11th June 1822

S/ Daniel McKissick, Clerk

His occupation is that of a farmer & owing to his bodily & mental infirmities he is not able so to prosecute his business as to secure a necessary maintenance. He has no wife now living with him. He has two sons living with him Samuel & Philip – the first aged 13 the second about 11 years & two daughters Nancy aged 15 years and Mary aged 14 & they are not able to support themselves.

Sworn to and open Court 11th of June 1822

S/ Philip Brittain

S/ Daniel McKissick, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818, for 4 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]