

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Phillips (Philips) S40261

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The State of Ohio, Butler County SS: Be it remembered that on the first day of February in the year of our Lord 1819 personally appeared before me Robert Taylor an associate Judge of the court of Common Pleas for the County of Butler aforesaid in the seventh circuit in the State of Ohio John Phillips who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension under a 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, to wit, that he is sixty-four years of age and that in the year 1776, he enlisted a common soldier in the Company commanded by Captain David Steel to serve as such during war, the Recruiting Officer under whom he enlisted was Lieutenant William Williams, and this deponent further declares that after he was so enlisted at a place not far from Beason Town in the State of Pennsylvania he marched to Pittsburgh where he joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell of the Virginia line Number 13 and from Pittsburgh the Regiment to Philadelphia marched, in which he was, where he joined the main Army in General Muhlenberg's Brigade, commanded by General Green he stayed at Philadelphia sometime and was ordered back to Pittsburgh again under the command of Colonel John Gibson, he remained at Pittsburg some time, and was then ordered on a campaign up the Allegheny River against the Indians under the command of Colonel Broadhead, after performing the duties in said Campaign, he returned again back to Pittsburgh, and from thence he was ordered to March on to the Muskingum River, where he assisted in building Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] under the command of General Mackintosh [Lachlan McIntosh], where he remained until said Fort was evacuated; when he marched to Fort McIntosh at the mouth of the Big Beaver – And this deponent further declares that after he was enlisted as aforesaid and marched to Philadelphia as aforesaid before he marched back to Pittsburgh as aforesaid he was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] against the British, in which Battle he received two wounds one in each thigh, after which Battle he marched against the British through Philadelphia and he was in the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] where his Regiment commanded by Major Camble [Campbell?]. This deponent further declares that after said Battles he was ordered to march back to Pittsburgh as above stated, and forted as aforesaid and that he remained in forts on said frontier shifting from fort to fort and occasionally skirmishing with the Indians until he was discharged, which was at Pittsburg in the year 1783 or 4 which he cannot recollect. But he well recollects that he served from the time he was enlisted seven years and seven months, and that he received a Printed discharge signed by Colonel John Gibson which said discharge he says he kept for many years until it wore out and that it is now lost – and this deponent further declares that he now resides in the County of Butler aforesaid and from his reduced & indigent circumstances in life he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he

has no other evidence now in his power of having performed said services, or of any part of them, except the affidavit of Hugh Montgomery.

S/ John Phillips, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above

S/ Robert Taylor

The State of Ohio Butler County: SS Personally appeared before me Robert Taylor an associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County aforesaid in the 7th Circuit in the State aforesaid, Hugh Montgomery¹ who being duly sworn deposeth & saith That he was acquainted with John Phillips a common soldier in the Company of Captain David Steel, whilst the said Phelps was stationed at Pittsburg and that said deponent belonged to the same Regiment with said Phillips commanded by Colonel John Gibson and that said deponent well knows he the said Phelps was in the Battle of Brandywine & they Battle of Germantown and that after said Battles said Phillips marched back to Pittsburgh and said deponent further saith that he knows said Phelps was on a Campaign up the Allegheny River under the Command of Colonel Broadhead – and that afterwards said Phillips assisted to build Fort Lawrence – and that afterwards he was stationed at Fort McIntosh and further the deponent saith not.

Sworn and subscribed this first day of February 1819

S/ Robert Taylor

S/ Hugh Montgomery

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh Montgomery". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Hugh Montgomery".

The State of Ohio Butler County: SS

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at Hamilton in the County of Butler aforesaid on the ninth day of August 1822 before the Honorable Joshua Collett Esquire President and his associate Judges of the said court the same court of Common Pleas being a court of record expressly created a court of Record by the laws and ordinances of the State of Ohio with Jurisdiction unlimited in civil causes, and with power to find and in prison, Personally appeared in open court John Phillips aged sixty-seven years resident in Morgan Township in the said County of Butler who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit, I enlisted on Georges Creek about fifty miles from Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 18__ [sic] in the early part of the revolutionary war for during the war in the 13th Regiment in the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Gibson in the company commanded by Captain Steele in the Continental establishment. At the close of the war I was in the Company commanded by Captain Biggs and was discharged at Pittsburg in the State of Pennsylvania my original declaration for pension was made on or about the __ day of __ 18__. My pension certificate is numbered 12041, 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

¹ FPA S35525 and R7318 (consolidated)

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, to wit, one horse two cows one colt one spinning wheel and one axe, my family consists of myself and wife who is not able to contribute much to her support and an orphan boy and girl the boy's name is Isaac Young about twelve years old not able to support himself, the Girl whose name is Jane McCotten is about 13 years of age not more than able to support herself, my occupation is that of a former but from age and debility am not able to do much at it.

S/ John Phillips, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 1, 1819, for service as a private for 8 years in the Virginia service.]