

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Wagner S40637

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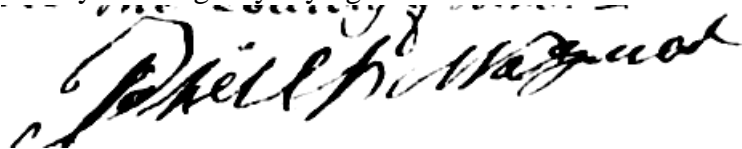
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On this 4th April 1820 before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges of the third Judicial District of Maryland personally appears Philip Wagner aged 76 years resident in Baltimore County State of Maryland who being by me first duly sworn according 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 Wagner enlisted in Shepherds Town [Shepherdstown] in the State of Virginia in Captain Hugh Stephenson's [this officer's name is also spelled Hugh Stevenson in some documents] Company of Riflemen in July 1775: that he continued to serve in said Corps for the Term of one year when he was discharged from service at Staten Island in the State of New York in July 1778. That he was at the Blockade of Boston and in the battle of Staten Island where he was wounded in the leg and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; said that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services than that herewith transmitted. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Chs. J. Kilgour, Judge

[fn p. 7: On January 21, 1826, the veteran applied to have his pension payment transferred to the Pennsylvania agency saying that he had moved to York County Pennsylvania to live near his son.



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Schedule¹

United States of America
Maryland District – SS

On this 14th day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record in the District Court in and for the District of Maryland Philip Wagner aged 76 years resident in Baltimore County in said District 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 at Shepherdstown in the State of Pennsylvania in the month of July 1775 under Captain Hugh

¹ Is this a different Philip Wagner? The description of the service varies enough to plant doubt but there is only one "Philip Wagner" to be found on the federal pension list for service in the revolution. Anyone got any ideas as to why the differences in the description of service?

Stinchen in a Rifle company for the term of one year, which commander being promoted to a majority Lt. A. Shepperd succeeded in the command at Roxbury near Boston under whom he served one year the period of his enlistment and was discharged at Staten Island in the State of New York on or about the month of July 1776. That he made his original application in the State of Pennsylvania before Judge Barnett, but afterward renewed his application and received a pension of \$8 per month from the Maryland agency dated 6 April 1820 and numbered 16,655

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

No property of whatever –

By trade a Blacksmith but from advanced age and Rheumatic Complaint unable to labor. No family – Dependent on his friends for support – That he is in such reduced Circumstances as to require the Assistance of his Country for support not being able to support himself without the pension except by private or public charity.

S/ Philip Wagner²

I do certify that Philip Wagner enlisted in Captain Hugh Stephenson's Company of Rifleman in July 1775 for one-year, in which company I served as a private soldier, that the said Philip Wagner faithfully served out his time of enlistment and was discharged at Staten Island in July or April 1776. Given under my hand this 27th day of March 1820.

[Illegible signature]

S/ Peter Haines,³ X his mark

Jefferson County Virginia 25th of March 1820

I do certify that the Mariner, Philip Wagner was a soldier in and authorize company of Riflemen raised & commanded by Captain Hugh Stephenson of Virginia, in which Company I had the Honor of serving as a soldier with the said Waggoner at the Blockade of Boston, & when the enemy were compelled to leave that place, the company was ordered to New York & from thence to Staten Island & to the best of my recollection, we were discharged at the latter place, in July or August 1776 after serving 12 months, the full time of our enlistments & that the said Waggoner, conducted himself orderly & appeared always ready & willing to do his duty.

S/ Joseph Swearingen⁴

Late Captain in the Virginia Continental line
Revolutionary Army

² I do not believe that the signature of the veteran on this document is his own signature but rather that of the scribe.

³ FPA S38008

⁴ BLWt2065-300 Issued Aug. 25, 1789 No Papers

*Joseph Swearingen
late Captain in the Virg^a
Continental line
Revolutionary Army*

I do hereby Certify that Philip Wagoner [sic] listed in Captain Hugh Stephenson's Company of Rifleman in July 1775 for one year in which Company I served as Lieutenant that he faithfully served out his time and was legally discharged on Staten Island in July 1776 that he is in Indigent Circumstances and Incapable of getting his living by labor given under my hand this 25th day of March 1820

S/ Abraham Shepherd⁵
Late Captain in the 7th Virginia Regiment
belonging to the Revolutionary Army

*Abraham Shepherd
Late Capt in the 7th Virg^a Reg^t
belonging to the Revolutionary Army*

Loudon [Loudoun] County Virginia Sct

Personally appeared before me John McCormick one of the Justices of the peace for the said County of Loudon in the State Robert White who being by me first duly sworn deposed and said that sometime in July in the year 1775 as nearly as he can recollect, he the said Deponent and Philip Waggoner [sic], (now here present) enlisted in a company of Riflemen commanded by Captain Hugh Stephenson to serve for one-year. That the said Company was raised by virtue of a Resolution of Congress passed sometime in the spring or early in the summer of the same year, and was never attached to any Regiment. That the said Philip Waggoner marched with said company to Boston from thence to New York & from thence to Staten Island, at which last place having faithfully served out the time for which he enlisted he was discharged in the month of July 1777.

Sworn to before me this 30th day of March 1820

S/ John McCormick

[What veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing April 4, 1820 for one-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

⁵ Abraham Shepherd FPA W19343 BLWt1914-300 Capt. Issued Aug. 25, 1789 Also recorded as above under Wt. 2529 No papers