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Pension application of Phinehas (Phineas) Latham S41752

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State of North Carolina Beaufort County

On this 6th day of November A.D. 1818 before me, the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity, for the State aforesaid, personally appeared Phineas Latham, a resident of the County aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, - on his oath makes 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 the said Phineas enlisted in the said County, in the Company commanded by Nathan Keais [sic, Nathaniel Keais], he does not precisely remember the date of his enlistment, -- to serve a six months tour. -- and on the expiration of said period he enlisted for the War, and this was some time in the year 1775, and from this period till the close of the War, he remained in the service, in the Regular Army. On Enoree and the Service he was marched to Newbern [sic, New Bern], whence he was marched to Norfolk Virginia at this post he remained the winter ensuing where he witnessed its conflagration by the Common Enemy. He was marched from this post to Wilmington North Carolina, thence to Charleston South Carolina thence to the City of Philadelphia, thence to Stony Point, where he was taken prisoner and carried to New York, in which place he remained till Stony Point was taken by General Lane, when read taken, it was the fortune of this deponent to be among the prisoners, then exchanged and rejoined the Army at West Point, that thence he was marched to Charleston South Carolina in the winter of 1780 the great severity of which he well remembers. He was made a prisoner when this post was captured by the Enemy and afterwards made his Escape and returned to Beaufort County North Carolina he there enlisted himself with the Army in the Company of Captain Welch and remained under his command until after the Battle of Yorktown, and was then regularly discharged. That he was raised to the rank of Sergeant in which capacity he performed a large part of his services in the Army. That his time of service was between 6 and 7 years. The accumulated infirmities of 62 years are now bowing down his head and the natural the case of age are dreadfully accumulated by a palsied frame, that he is in reduced circumstances, and his inability to labor, compelled them to say he does need the assistance of his Country for support, that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jn^o. Hall

S/ Phinahas Latham

This 6th day of November 1818 Godfrey Williams & Samuel Hawkins appeared before me, and being sworn in due form of law, depose & saith that Phineas Latham who signed the

foregoing affidavit, did serve in the Regular Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War, in the same Corps with him that he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Godfrey Williams
S/ Saml. Hawkins

State of North Carolina Beaufort County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions June Term 1819
Present the Justices

Thus came Phineas Latham into open court and makes the following declaration supplementary to one made by him before the the Honorable Judge Hall on this 6th day of November 1818 to enable him the said Phineas Latham to obtain the benefit of the 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." The said Phineas Latham being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, saith that after he enlisted under Captain Nathan Keais, of the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina line, he was transferred to the Command of Captain Edward Veal of said Regiment & line: he was afterwards transferred to the command of Captain John Craddick [sic, John Craddock] of the same Regiment & line he was afterwards transferred to the command of Captain Charles Steward of the same Regiment & line: under whose command he was, when taken prisoner in Charleston South Carolina he was next under the command of Captain William Welch, he does not recollect the particular command under which Captain Welch served but he served under him until the close of the war. As well as he can remember, the Company he served though under the different captains enumerated, was styled in the Regiment, the first Company of the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina line except when under the command of Captain Welch to this affiant believes was only a 12 months man. This affiant further states that his whole term of service after being promoted to the post of Sergeant by Captain Vail, was in the capacity until his capture in Charleston South Carolina which period , as Sergeant was between 4 & ___ years.

And further this affiant sayeth not.

Sworn to in open Court June 7th 1819

S/ Thos. Shaw [?], Clk

S/ Phinehas Latham

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 15th of September 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary War that Phineas Latham enlisted as a Sergeant in Capt. Vail's¹ Company of the 2nd Regiment sometime in the year 1777 for the war. That he was a private 24th May 1779, A prisoner first June 1779 -- and mustered again November 1779. --

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Beaufort County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions June Term 1820
Present the Justices

On this 7th day of June A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record of said State) Phinehas Latham age sixty-three years, resident in said County, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War:

¹ Edward Vail [or Veal]. He was cashiered December 21, 1779.

that he enlisted, served, fought & suffered in the Companies, regiments and lines, particularly set forth in his declaration heretofore made of date the 6th day of November 1818, & for which Services, a pension Certificate has been issued & received by him, Numbered 14943. And I Phinehas Latham 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 to wit, Four Stool Chairs, two Iron Pots, one skillet, one Grid Iron, two Tubbs, one Pine Table, one Black Walnut Table, two old axes, one plough & Gear, two Sows & piggs, five shoats, twenty five Dunghill fowls, Eight Geese, five old Empty Barrles, one old Hand mill, two Dishes, one & half Doz Cups & Saucers, half Doz. plates, half Doz. knives & forks, one Doz pewter Spoons, one old Loom & Gear, one Woollen & one Linen Wheel, four hoes. That his usual occupation has been that of a farmer: that he resides on a poor piece of Piney land, kindly furnished to him as a home by his son. That he is now, and has been for [indecipherable word, could be the word "some"] years, so oppressed and shattered by infirmities & diseases, that he has not been able to work one sixth of his time. That his family residing with him consists of seven persons, to wit his wife Elizabeth, and old, palsied and infirm one month unable to support herself, Sarah, Anna & Winifred his Daughters, all of whom are unable to do more than support themselves. Jasper a son confined to his bed and helpless, and in, as he has been from his early days, and a lingering state -- and no hope of his recovery, then Nath. Hill, a hired laborer whose labor and the aid of a charitable friend or 2 he is, and has been for 2 or 3 years kept from suffering for food, and that, without the latter mentioned Source he must have felt most keenly the gripings of want.

Sworn to and declared on the 7th day of June 1820 and in the presence of said Court.
S/ Phinehas Latham