

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Radcliff [Radliff] S46656

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State of Virginia, Chesterfield County Sct.

On this 12th day of January A.D. 1835, personally appeared before me John Gregory a Justice of the peace for said County, Philip Radcliffe a resident of said County aforesaid in this state of Virginia, aged seventy-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated, to wit,

That sometime in the year 1779 or 1780 he resided in the lower end of said County of Chesterfield, and volunteered to perform a tour of three months service, as a private in the Virginia Militia; that Captain Creed Haskins commanded the company to which he belonged, the subaltern officers are not now recollected, the detachment consisting of two companies, was under the command of Major Robert Goode of Chesterfield County, they were marched down on the South side of James River into Nansemond County, and stationed on Nansemond River near a place called Sack Point, they were generally engaged on scouting parties watching the movements of the enemy, whose main force was at that time stationed at or near Norfolk, that he was in no battle or skirmish during this tour, and after serving as he believes 3 months, was marched up to Petersburg & discharged.

That very shortly after being thus discharged, he was again called out and stationed for some time at Randolph's Mills on Swift Creek in Chesterfield County, and upon the arrival of the British force under Philips [William Phillips], at Petersburg, the American troops were compelled to retreat and marched up to Chesterfield Courthouse, at which place I was attached to a company commanded as, I think, by Captain Willson; we passed up by Falling Creek Church, crossed James River at Tuckahoe, marched down the River on the North side to Richmond, from thence to the neighborhood of Williamsburg, and from thence to Malvern Hills, where we were stationed a considerable time, watching the movements of the enemy, I was in no battle or skirmish during this tour, and after serving as I verily believe, three months, was discharged. –

But before I reached home, and upon my arrival at Willson, was again called into service, and belonged to a company of Militia commanded by Captain Joseph Royall, the detachment being under the command of Colonel Robert Goode of Chesterfield, from Willson we crossed James River, and was stationed on the South side, in the County of Chesterfield, at a place called Sudberry's [3 miles from Chesterfield courthouse, 23 May 1781], where we were surprised by the British light horse under Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton], a part of our detachment made prisoner, and the residue dispersed: in this affair at Sudberry's I escaped capture, and our troops being routed and entirely dispersed, I went immediately home, but in a day or two afterwards, was called out again and ordered to rendezvous at Richmond; the company to which I belonged,

was stationed for a considerable time at or near Manchester, opposite to Richmond, watching the movements of the enemy and endeavoring to keep them in check; I was discharged at Manchester, after serving two months or more, this last mentioned tour.

From the great lapse of time since the revolutionary war, and in consequence of my memory being considerably impaired by disease and old age, I am unable to remember the names of the Regular officers, and indeed some of the Militia Officers, who were with the troops where I served, nor do I pretend to recollect precisely how long I served at each tour, or the exact date when such service was performed, but I am positively certain, that I served as much as 8 months in all, and think, I served considerably longer.

I did not receive written discharges, or if I did, they have not been preserved, nor have I any documentary evidence of my services, but I am known to many persons in the neighborhood where I now reside, who can testify to my character for veracity; and particularly to Allen Whitworth,¹ who will testify as to my revolutionary services. I was born in Chesterfield County, State of Virginia, in the year 1757, and have resided in said County ever since my birth is recorded in the family Bible.

S/ Philip Radcliffe, X his mark

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ John Gregory

Virginia, Chesterfield County, to wit: On this 10th day of November A.D. 1834, personally appeared in open court, before the County Court of Chesterfield now sitting Allen Whitworth a resident of the said County, aged about 77 years, who being duly sworn for that purpose, deposed. That he is now and was during the revolutionary war, well acquainted with Philip Rattcliffe who has subscribed to the foregoing declaration; That he clearly and distinctly recollects to have served two tours of service in the Virginia militia during the revolutionary War, in the same Regiment or Battalion with the aforesaid Philip Rattcliffe, though they belonged to different companies; that he served part of the third tour of service with said Rattcliffe, but he the said deponent did not continue with the American troops during the whole of the third tour of service, being a prisoner by the British in the affair at Sudberry's.

Sworn to and subscribed on the 8th aforesaid, before the County Court aforesaid.

S/ Allen Whitworth



Virginia, Chesterfield County, to wit:

On this 13th day of May A.D. 1835, personally appeared in open court, before the County Court of Chesterfield County now sitting, John Gregory a resident of the said County, who being duly sworn for that purpose, deposed that Philip Radliff who had subscribed and sworn to his declaration for a pension, as a Revolutionary soldier under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, before him the said John Gregory as a Justice of the peace for the said County of Chesterfield on the 12th day of January 1835, has since that period departed this life, leaving no

¹ [Allen Whitworth S6367](#)

widow; but leaving (as the said deponent has been informed & believes) Tabitha Radliff, Lucy W Vaden, wife of John W. Vaden, John Radliff and Nancy Radliff his only surviving children and heirs at law; – the said John Gregory further deposed, that the said Philip Radliff, being unable to write, the signatures in the said declaration, was written by him the said John Gregory, at the request of the said petitioner, who annexed his mark thereto; that the said John Gregory being unacquainted with the correct mode of spelling the name of the said petitioner or applicant, wrote it Philip Radliffe, instead of Philip Radliff, which the said deponent has since been informed, and verily believes, is the correct way of spelling it.

Sworn to and subscribed the date aforesaid, but for the County court aforesaid.

S/ John Gregory

Virginia, Chesterfield County, to wit; Parke Poindexter of Chesterfield County, on this 13th day of May A.D. 1835, personally appeared in open court, before the County Court of Chesterfield County, who being duly sworn for that purpose deposed, that at the request of Philip Radliff he drafted his declaration for a pension, that being unacquainted with the correct mode of spelling his name, he wrote his name spelled not only variously, but in every instance incorrectly, as he now believes; the said Parke Poindexter further deposes that he has since been informed and verily believes, that the correct mode of spelling the name is Philip Radliff.

Sworn and subscribed the date aforesaid by the deponent aforesaid, before the County Court aforesaid.

S/ Parke Poindexter

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]