

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Switzer (Switzen) S4912

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[Note: The digit images of this application as posted on Fold3.com are very faint and difficult to discern. The images of it posted on HeritageQuest.com are completely illegible. Use the following transcript with more than the usual caution.]

State of Ohio Gallia County SS

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the said County now sitting Philip Switzer a resident of Addison Township in Gallia County & State of Ohio aged seventy-four years the 15th of May passed 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 of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated, is to say that in February 1778 at Hampshire County Virginia where he then resided he was drafted for a term of one year – That soon after the draft he repaired to Winchester the place of rendezvous for the troops; that they marched from there to the Valley Forge where he joined the 7th Virginia Regiment which was then commanded by Colonel Haith,<sup>1</sup> but afterwards by Colonel Bowman [perhaps, Abraham Bowman] & in the company commanded by Captain Crockett – that at the time the British left Philadelphia their Regiment marched in pursuit of them; that he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], from which place they marched to the White Plains in the State of New York, from which place they marched to West Point; & then they marched to Bonbrook [Boundbrook] in the Jerseys & took up winter quarters; where at the expiration of his years' service he was discharged by writing under the Hand of Colonel Bowman which was afterwards handed by him to Colonel Abraham Hail [?] in order that he might procure him a suit of clothes or \$50 in lieu thereof which had been previously promised him but neither of which did he ever get, nor has he since seen or heard of said discharge. That in the fall of the year 1779, he still residing in the same County, was again drafted, for a tour of three months for the purpose of guarding the Burgoyne Prisoners then at the Winchester Barracks – that a few days after he was drafted he repaired to the said barracks and joined a Company which he thinks was commanded by a Captain McG[balance of the name too faint to discern]<sup>2</sup> but of this he is not positive – that he remained at that place in said service for three months when he was dismissed and returned home. That owing to the great lapse of time & the frailty of his memory he is unable to speak with certainty as to the name of the Officers at that place.

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<sup>1</sup> This **MAY** be a mistaken reference to Lt. Col. William Heth, but he is not shown in any resources available to me as having ever served in the 7<sup>th</sup> VA Regt.

<sup>2</sup> The War Department read this name as McGuire.

That sometime in the fall of 1780 he still residing in Hampshire [County Virginia], he was again drafted for another tour of three months; that after his draft he was placed as one of the Guard over several deserters then confined in the Hampshire Jail in which service he continued until the deserters were sent to a place in the lower part of Virginia, the [indecipherable word] of which he does not now recollect where he continued as one of the guard over them until they arrived at the place of [words too faint to discern] and joined the troops at that place, among whom he continued to serve during the residue of his said tour when he was again dismissed. That for the reasons aforesaid he cannot tell the name of his Captain or any of the other officers at that place – that he never received any other discharge except the one above named. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the testimony of Gideon Viah<sup>3</sup> whom he thinks knows the fact of his going out on his twelve months tour & whose deposition will accompany his Declaration. That he was born in Frederick County Virginia in the year 1757; that his age is recorded in his Bible now in his house which he took from his father's Bible. That since the Revolution [the balance of the application is completely illegible as a result of being both too faint to discern and the ink from the other side of the paper having bleed through and overwritten the reverse page. It appears that the veteran signed his application with his mark.] [John Switzer gave a standard supporting affidavit signing with his mark.]

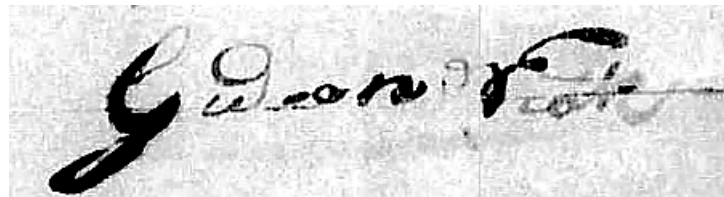
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Court of Common Pleas of the Term of August A.D. 1832

Personally appeared in open Court Gideon Viah who after being duly sworn saith that sometime in March A.D. 1778 he having been previously drafted for a term of one year in the Virginia troops went to Winchester Virginia the place of rendezvous: that while there he [words too faint to discern] became acquainted with one Philip Switzer who was there as a soldier whom he understood had been drafted by the same draft with himself; that he went in company with said Switzer from Winchester to Valley Forge. The day they arrived there he went with him to the 7th Virginia Regiment he knew at the time that said Switzer joined that Regiment & that he has no recollection of having seen said Switzer after that day until he saw him in Gallia County & some time in the year 1819 or 1820; but he is sure that the Philip Switzer whom he knew as a soldier as aforesaid is the same identical Philip Switzer who is now in Court & who has made application for a pension at the present Term.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 11th day of August A.D. 1832

S/ Gideon Viah



[Note: the following summary of the contents of the file will all for some insight into portions of the application that were too faint to discern:

"The soldier moved sometime after the Revolutionary War from Hampshire County, Virginia, to Greenbrier County in that state and remained

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<sup>3</sup> [Gideon Viah S6311](#)

about 18 months, then moved to Botetourt County, Virginia, where he resided about 3 years, then returned to Greenbrier County and remained there 7 years, after which he moved to Kanawha County, Virginia; he moved from there about 1802 2 Gallia County, Ohio."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one and a half years in the Virginia service.]