

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Phillip Koontz S5661

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State of Virginia County of Rockingham to wit

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Rockingham County now sitting Phillip Koontz a resident of the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia aged 80 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 of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the state of Maryland – he cannot say positively what year but believes his age to be about eighty, he has no record of his age. He removed to Virginia when he was about nineteen years of age, and lived on the South Branch about two years and then removed to Rockingham County, where he has resided since.

About the first of January 1781, he was drafted into the militia Service in Rockingham County Virginia, under Captain George Riddle [George Ruddle], and marched to Richmond and down through Virginia to Suffolk County. He served three months in this tour under Majors Hamilton [Gawen Hamilton] and Nalle [William Nolle or Nail] and Colonel Bowyer from Rockingham, all of the Virginia militia. He returned from this tour about the 17th or 18th of April having been out three months and a little upwards, and got no written discharge. He was under the command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] & was in no general engagement but was in some slight skirmishes.

In the same year 1781, but he cannot recollect the time precisely, he was drafted under Captain Coger [Michael Coger] of the Rockingham militia and marched, through Williamsburg to York Town and continued during the siege, and after the surrender of Cornwallis he marched to Winchester, as a guard over the prisoners, and was discharged at Winchester, after serving three months, but got no written discharge. He recollects General Washington and the other General Officers.

He has no documentary evidence of his services. He relies on the evidence of Andrew Bird, who will be brought into Court, to prove his services – who ~~was~~ served in the same company – with him during the first tour above mentioned and who has resided in the same neighborhood and been intimately acquainted with him since the revolutionary War.

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.

S/ Phillip Koontz, X his mark

[William Bryan, a clergyman, and Andrew Byrd gave the standard supporting affidavit.

[Note: Andrew Byrd¹ did not give a separate affidavit as to his having served with the applicant in the first tour described above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [Andrew Byrd S5311](#)