

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Phillips (Philips) S8954

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State of North Carolina Granville County

On this eighth day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me E. Hester one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County of Granville State aforesaid John Phillips a resident of said County of Granville State of North Carolina aged as he states seventy-five or six 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 7 – 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: viz.

At the time when called into the service his residence was in Mckling Burgh [Mecklenburg] County Virginia that he was drafted numbered & stood at a moments warning & served three different towers [tours] two of which was six weeks each and the other was three months & some days to the best of his recollection the first tower his officer that he remembers are as follows, viz. Captain Lee, Colonel Burrell met at mecklingburgh court house Virginia the month nor the date of the year he don't remember from thence we marched to Petersburg where we was discharged but as to the discharge not knowing that it would ever be to me any service I did not take care of it. – The second tower that I served we met at MCKling burgh court house Virginia and was commanded by the following officers viz. Captain Blanton & I don't remember at this time the names of the other officers we marched thence to Randol's orney [Randal's ordinary?] where we remained until discharged. The third tower this affiant states that he was called out on that, met at MCKligburgh, Va., that we rendezvoused at a place called the [indecipherable word] the oald [old?] Magazen [magazine?] in MCKligburgh County Virginia and was commanded by the following officers Captain William Lucouss [William Lucas?], Colonel Robert Mumphries & Mager [Major] Hubbard that I remember thence we marched, across the River Roanoke at Skipath ferry thence in different directions in the State of Virginia & North Carolina until we met our Enemy at Gilford court house [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] where we had a battle but was forced to retreat. We then met at a place called the oald Iron works & in a few days we pursued our Enemy to deep River but finding that they went so far ahead we did not pursue them any further & from this place this I was discharge, & this applicant doth further state that if he ever received a written discharge from the Army not knowing that it would be to him any service that he did not take care of it and the said applicant doth further state that he has not any knowledge of the different periods of the war in which he served, & can only refer to the battle at gilford court house which was his last tower of three months & the other two was before that time but how long at this time he can't remember & the said applicant doth further state that he has no documentary Evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes

every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Phillips, X his mark

[Samuel Gooch & Wiley Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to the questions prescribed by the war Department

First I was born in Nodaway County Virginia as to the date of the year I don't remember but when a boy moved to mecklingburgh Virginia where I lived at the time when called into the service but since the war I moved to Granville North Carolina where I now live. When called in the service I was drafted & numbered & stood at a moments warning. I remember General Green [Nathanael Greene] one of the regular officers I also remember of seeing one General Stephenson [probably an erroneous reference to militia general Edward Stevens].

[Reference is made in the documents in this file to the veteran's wife and three daughters but none are named.]

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