

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Philips (Phillips) <sup>1</sup> S8955

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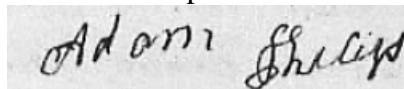
On this 11th day of April 1850 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions Addam Phillips a resident of said County and State of North Carolina aged Eighty-seven years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers: General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Commander in Chief and General Davitson [sic, William Lee Davidson] and Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke] and Major Smith [sic, more likely Major James Hall] and Captain Simmons [Richard Simmons] and the said Claimant further swears he entered the service some time between the age of 18 and 21 years the date not recollected but this Claimant well recollects that he was drafted and served six months. Joined headquarters at Beatties Ford on the Catawba River North Carolina after marching through the Country some time we marched to Salisbury and there guarded the Prisoners some time and then was marched to Yadkin River but previous to this he was in an engagement with the British at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River where General Davidson was killed.<sup>2</sup> After General Davidson was killed he returned to Salisbury and from thence to the Yadkin River where he received his discharge for his six months service as a private in said war which Discharge was signed by Major Smith under whom he served which Discharge remained in his possession up to the date of 1844 which was burned in his house together with all his valuable papers by accident his house took fire and all its contents -- and the said Claimant further swears that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove any further.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above.

S/ J. B. Sawyer, JP

S/ Adam Philips



[Henry Wells gave a standard supporting affidavit. In addition Wells states that he recalls having

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt14987-160-55

<sup>2</sup> The Battle of Cowan's Ford occurred on February 1, 1781.

seen the discharge signed by Major Smith referred to by the claimant.]  
[John Reynolds, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8, on the March 22, 1855 in Buncombe County North Carolina Adam Philips, 93, filed for his bounty land entitlement.]

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Supplemental & additional affidavit of Adam Philips in order to obtain the benefit of the act of June 7th 1832 which makes provision for the surviving soldiers of the Revolution

Came before me J B Sawyer at one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of Buncombe, Adam Philips, who after being duly sworn according to law makes the following additional statement in support of his claim to a pension.

That he entered the service of the United States Beatties Ford in \_\_County North Carolina General Greene at which place he remained a short time from which place he was marched to Cowans Ford under the command of General Davidson at which place he was in an action with the British in which General Davidson was killed after which he was marched to Salisbury at which place he remained some time guarding the British prisoners at that place & from Salisbury he was marched to the Yadkin River at which place he remained some time but does not now remember how long & that he received his discharge at that place from Major Smith.

In consequence of old age & loss of memory he is unable to state whether this service was rendered in two three-month tours or in one six-month tour But that he avers that he did render service in the United States in service as a soldier & taking care of a youth who had the smallpox under the direction and command of said Major Smith six months and that he received an honorable & final discharge for two three-month powers or one six months tower & that the discharge was signed by Major Smith & burned in his house with all his other papers as heretofore stated.

Sworn to and subscribed to before made this 24th day of June 1850  
S/ J. B. Sawyer, JP

S/ Adam Philips

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Comptroller's Office N. C.

July 15, 1852

Sir

I and my clerk have spent a good portion of the day in searching the record of payments to Revolutionary soldiers deposited in this office for evidence of service of Adam Phillips [sic]. We find payments amounting to £11.4.6 specie made to Adam Phillips and at additional payment of £8 S8 specie to A. Phillips.

Supposing the latter to be made to Adam, the whole would cover nearly eight month's service.

If you desire a certificate please inform me and enclose the usual fee \$5 on receiving which I shall immediately forward one.

Very respectfully  
Your Obt. Servt.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

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