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Pension application of Richard Phippen S8960

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State of North Carolina Franklin County} Ss.

On this 10th day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, Richard Phippen a resident of the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina aforesaid aged about Seventy-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 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Gloucester State of Virginia on the 8th day of May 1757 according to a register of his age now in the possession of his brother John Phippen. That when he was about ten years of age his father brought him with the rest of his family into this State & settled first in Halifax County whence he removed to Bute County in that portion of which County now forming Franklin, this applicant has resided ever since the Revolution and still continues to reside in the same. That he entered the Revolutionary service in the aforesaid County of Bute where he was then living, as a substitute for Jesse Horn in a company commanded by Captain Britton Harris and under him by Lieutenant Phil Hawkins [sic, Philemon Hawkins] the other officers not recollected, that he was marched down to Kingston [sic, Kinston] in Lenoir County, thence to Elizabeth on the Cape Fear River, thence into South Carolina down to within a few miles of Charleston, where his company was stopped for a few days, he was then marched up the Savannah River opposite Augusta then in the possession of the British, that after a few days the British left Augusta and the Americans crossed over into Georgia and marched down to Briar Creek where they were attacked by the British and completely defeated [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]. This applicant made his escape by swimming Briar Creek and the Savannah River, after which he fell in with several other refugees like himself and went to a place called the White House where he found Colonel Thomas Eaton who had escaped from the battle by swimming the River Savannah upon his horse. This applicant was then carried to Purrysburg where he was stationed until his discharge, which he received in writing from the hand of Michael Dent, but he does not recollect by whom it was signed, or what ever became of it, as it has been long since lost. He does not recollect the date of this term of service except as he is informed the date of the Battle of Briar Creek which fixes it until the latter part of the year 1778 and the beginning of 1779. He served in the capacity as a private militia for the full term of six months and expects to prove his service by Jesse Webb¹ and his brother John Phippen.² Among the field officers under whom he served he remembers the name of General Ashe [John

¹ [Jesse Webb W18333](#)

² [John Phippen S8962](#)

Ashe] Colonel Williams (a brave officer) [John Pugh Williams], Colonel Thomas Eaton and Colonel Clinch. He also recollects that after the defeat at Briar Creek, the American forces were under the command of General Bryan [William Bryant]. This Applicant further states that he is not acquainted with any minister of the Gospel who can testify as to his character for veracity and as to his reputation as a revolutionary soldier, but he thinks that many of his neighbors and others will certify as to those facts to wit – Colonel Guston Perry the Sheriff of the County, Smith Patterson, Clerk of the County Court, Colonel Green Ross, and Hardy W. Thorp.

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.

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S/ S. Patterson, Clerk

S/ Richard Phippen, X his mark

[Guston Perry, Smith Patterson, Green Ross, and Hardy W. Thorp gave the standard supporting affidavit]

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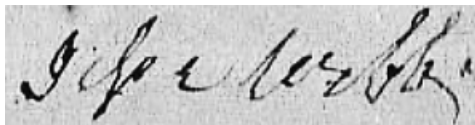
State of North Carolina Franklin County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1833

Jesse Webb personally appeared in open Court and maketh oath that Richard Phippen who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration entered the militia service in the Revolutionary war in Captain Britton Harris's Company in which he the said Webb also served and that the said Richard Phippen served 6 months in the tour to the South during which the Battle of Briar Creek took place.

September Court 1833

S/ S. Patterson, Clerk

S/ Jesse Webb


A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Webb".

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This day appeared before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Franklin aforesaid, John Phippen who being duly sworn, doth on his oath depose and say that his brother Richard Phippen entered the Revolutionary Service in the same company with himself the said John, and that he served as a private militia man during the whole of the tour to the South in which the battle of Briars Creek [sic, Briar Creek] took place.

S/ John Phippen

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Phippen".

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16th day of September 1833

S/ Simon Williams, JP

[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.]