

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Philip Muterspaw S9435

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State of Virginia

Rockbridge County to wit;

On this 5th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of said Rockbridge County Court, which is now sitting, said Court being a Court of Record, Philip Muterspaugh, a resident in said County of Rockbridge, and state of Virginia aged 87 or 8 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

This applicant states that from old age and a consequent debility of mind, he is unable to state many particulars, with accuracy, but will proceed, as well as he can to answer the question prescribed, in the order.

Question 1st. Where, and in what year, were you born

He was born in Germany about the year 1744 or 5, as he believes from the reports of his parents, and Emigrated to America with his parents at the age of 1 or 2^d years.

Ques. 2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it.

He has no record of his age, except such as has been impressed upon his memory, by the conversations of his parents.

Ques. 3^d. Where were you living, when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live.

He was living near Shippensburg in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, when first called into service he then moved to Washington County, Maryland, and resided near Hagerstown in said County, at which place he lived, during all his subsequent service. he resided in Washington County until after the war. he then removed to said Rockbridge County, State of Virginia, where he has continued to reside until the present time.

Ques. 4th. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and for whom.

He volunteered in a company of about 100 men, in his first tour of service from Shippensburg in Pa. when the battle at Long Island took place [27 Aug 1776], when he removed to s'd. Washington Cty soldiers were called for, and 24 men were required to furnish one man, for these 24 he agreed to serve. He was afterwards drafted into service.

Ques. 5th. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops, where you served, such continental and Militia Regiments, as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. This applicant states, as well as his memory will permit, that, in his first tour of service, he volunteered for four months, under Captain Beeples (or Peoples) Andrew Right was first Lieutenant, and Conrad Borner (or Berner) was 2nd Lieutenant, all of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He marched from Shippensburg, in s'd. Cumberland County (he thinks) sometime, in the spring of 1776 or 77 to the Battle of Long Island. He marched to Philadelphia, took water there and sailed up the Delaware as high as Trenton, he believes. there landed and marched as high as Brunswick. Thence arrived at Amboy in N. Jersey, after the Battle at Long Island had been fought, thence they marched to Newark, there stood guard, thence guarded some pressed waggons loaded with corn & hay, to kings bridge. then returned to Newark, stood guard again, thence marched to Amboy, when his time expired, and he was discharged, which discharge he has lost. in this tour he served four months. this applicant farther states, that he was draughted from Washington Cty in Maryland, at several different periods for 2 months each tour, to march to Fort Frederick, in s'd. Washington Cty on the Potowmac [sic: Potomac River], after the battle at Long Island. He cannot state the time, when, exactly. He thinks he was twice draughted the fall & summer succeeding the battle at Long Island, two months each draught. Col. Rawlins, Captain Billmire were officers at the Fort. The other officers he cannot recollect. He was again draughted from the same place, for same Fort, in

the summer succeeding, for 2 months Col Rawlins still commanding as he believes. The other officers he cannot recollect. He states that in the summer succeeding, he thinks, he served as a substitute for one, whose lot it might have been to have served out of a lot of 24 men, from the same Cty to the same fort. for the term of 2 months. This applicant farther states, that he was again draughted (as he believes) from Washington Cty Maryland for a tour of four months, and marched under orders from Col. Shriock or Col. Stuhl, of s'd. Cty, to Annapolis on the Chesapeake. At that place he went under the command of Capt. Kennedy. Whilst at Annapolis, Gen. Washington arrived at Annapolis, by water, and the French forces by land, where they all took water and sailed for YorkTown, where they defeated Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. This applicant remained at Annapolis after this defeat, guarding the cannon and the magazine. The Tories being then troublesome. This tour he thinks commenced sometime in the summer of 1781 He was discharged at Annapolis after he served his Tour of four months. he has none of the discharges in his possession, that he received during his service.

This applicant from defect of memory cannot state the circumstances of his service very particularly, he has stated as well as he can remember. This applicant believes that he can recollect, positively that he served the preceeding tours, which amount in all to sixteen months. this period of time he is confident he served, in the war of the revolution.

Ques. 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge &c. He received several discharges, as above mentioned, but from whom he cannot recollect, except probably the discharge at Amboy in N. Jersey from Cpt. Peoples. Did you ever receive a commission. He was never above the grade of a private.

Ques. 7th. State the names of persons in your neighborhood &c.

He refers to cpt. Daniel Ayres and the Rev'd. Andrew B Davidson as evidence of his veracity, and of his reputation as having been a soldier of the Revolution.

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 above written.

Philip hisXmark Moutrespaugh