

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Anthony Phelps W10886 Nancy

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Hardin County State of Kentucky: SS

The declaration of Anthony Felps [sic]

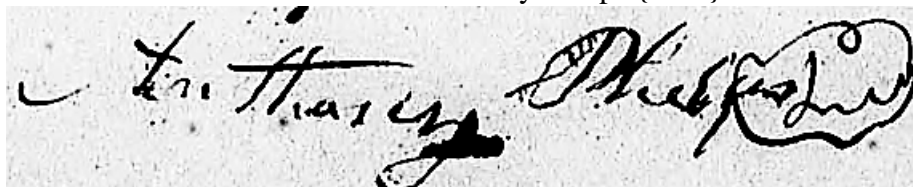
This day 15th of December 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable Justices of Hardin County Court Anthony Felps a resident of said County aged 72 and being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 to obtain a pension –

He states that in the year 1780 in March he started from the Louisville Kentucky, then called Falls of Ohio, under General Clark [George Rogers Clark], and Geo. Owens [George Owens] was our Captain. He was a volunteer militia. He marched to Iron Banks or rather went down by water – where we staid building a Garrison and guarding the Mississippi. They were attacked twice at said place by the Indians – first attack lasted one day & last attack lasted three days. He stayed there about fifteen months & got back to Louisville in July 1781 – Clark came back to Louisville before we came up & he went on a campaign against the Shawnee Indians – our Captain Owens was killed by Indians near the month of *October after[?]* our return to Louisville. We stayed at Louisville till in May 1782 when I left the Army by permission of General Clark but got no written discharge. He lived in the Fort at Louisville when he entered. He had entered the service before the above mentioned time – he then lived in Virginia in Buckingham County. He started under Captain Dick May as a volunteer – There were about fifteen or twenty men – it was in the fall 1777 – we came to the assistance of the people of Boonesborough where we arrived in November 1777 – he thinks – we remained there about 16 months – were the siege for 11 days by the Shawnee and other tribes of Indians only two of our men were killed. Daniel Boone commanded the Fort. He was in his 15th year when he entered this service – When he left Boonesborough he & for others of May's men & some men who came up from Louisville for Claiborne, went down to Louisville where he staid until he entered as above stated –

He knows of no person by whom he can prove the last mentioned service – but the first mentioned service he can only prove by Mason Lunsford.

He hereby relinquishes every other claim to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of any State.

S/ Anthony Phelps {Seal}

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony Phelps". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

[James Hall, a minister of the gospel, John L Helm and H. G. Wintersmith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The deposition of Mason Lunsford¹ being of Lawful age in duly sworn taken at the storehouse of James W Hall in the Town of West Point in the County of Hardin and State of Kentucky to be read in behalf of Anthony Phelps, the deponent for answer saith

Question. Were you or were you not acquainted with Anthony Phelps in the year of 1780 or 81
Answer I was

Quest. Was or was not the said Phelps in the Army of General G. R. Clark about the year referred to in the service of the United States at the Fort called the Iron Banks –

Ans. He was in the service at the time and place referred to but not in the regular Army –

Quest. What length of time was the said Phelps in the service –

Ans. I think something like 12 or 16 months –

And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Mason Lunsford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mason Lunsford". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[f p. 46]

Larue County Court November Term 1846

On this 23rd day of November 1846 personally appeared in Open Court before the County Court of County of Larue now sitting Anthony Phelps a resident of and in the County of Larue and State of Kentucky aged 83 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 – First that he by volunteer enlistment joined the company of Captain Richard May in the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia on the 1st day of October 1777 for the defense of the aforesaid State of Virginia and that he rendezvoused at Kings Mills on the Holston River and remained there about four weeks at which time said company marched under the Command of Lieutenant Jacob Stains [?] and arrived at Boonesborough on the Kentucky River about the last of November 1777 and erected a Fort at said place under the command of Colonel Daniel Boone at the time it was besieged by the Indians in the month of August 1778. We fought them for nine days and nights without ceasing. And that the Indians remained around the Fort at said time eleven days and that he acted as one of the Rangers and Indian Spies up to the month of February 1779 at the aforesaid place at which time he was ordered to the falls of the Ohio River and assisted in erecting a Garrison at said place in the spring of the year 1779. And remained there under the Command of Captain James Patton, until the month of March 1780 at which time he joined the Company of Captain George Owens. And that he went with the Army Commonly called the Illinois Regiment Commanded by Colonel afterwards General George Rogers Clark to the mouth of Mayfield Creek on the Mississippi River at said place we erected a Garrison and remained there until the month of June 1781. We started back and arrived at the falls of the Ohio on the 5th day of July 1781 the Garrison was twice attacked by the Indians before we evacuated it, the first lasted only one day and night the

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second six weeks thereafter and continued for three days. And that about the first of August 1781 he was mustered out of the service subject to return again if called on and that in April 1782 he was again called on to March to the aforesaid falls of the Ohio. And that he remained there for three months and whilst at said place assisted in erecting one other Garrison under the Command of Captain Jacob Vanmetre, his former Captain Owens being killed by the Indians previous to his return, he further states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whom he can procure who can testify to his service, 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.

Signed Anthony Phelps

[William M Brown and James S Fullelore [or Fullelove?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 50: On October 4, 1849 in Bullitt County Kentucky, Amy Dunn, 76 (on October 3, 1849) gave testimony that she was when quite young with her parents at Fort Jefferson (Iron Banks) on the Mississippi River and that Anthony Phelps was in the volunteer service at that place at that time; that she has no information as to how long Phelps served at that place. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 26]

This is to certify that there is on file in this office a volume containing Illinois papers No. 1 containing sundry pay rolls in which is found a "pay abstract of a company of Militia commanded by Captain George Oins [sic] of the district of Clarksville in the State of Virginia, commencing the first day of May 1780 and ending the 21st of December following" in which the name of Anthony Phelps is enrolled as a private in service from May first to decent were 21st 7 months and 21 days, amount of pay £15.6.8.

Given under my hand in the First Auditor's Office Richmond Virginia this 14 June 1855

S/ G. W. Clutter, Aud. Pub. Accts.

[f p. 17: On August 18, 1855 in Larue County Kentucky, the veteran, aged about 92, filed for his bounty land entitlement stating that he is the identical Anthony Phelps who served in the company commanded by Captain Owens in the Regiment commanded by General Clark.]

[f p. 6: On January 20, 1860 in Larue County Kentucky, Nancy Phelps, 85, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Anthony Phelps stating that she married him in Jefferson County Kentucky December 24, 1794; that they were married by John Whitick, a minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Brashear [Nancy Bradshaw?]; that her husband died in Larue County Kentucky June 30, 1859 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.64 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 7 months and 21 days. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]