

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Phillips (Philips) ¹ W10890 Agnes Phillips f80NC
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State of Tennessee, Jackson County} SS.

On this twelfth day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before John McCarver, John Graham, and Tandy K. Witcher Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the said county of Jackson now sitting being a court of record, David Phillips a resident of the county of Jackson and state of Tennessee aforesaid aged seventy seven years, who first being 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 in Guilford County, State of North Carolina where he the resided in January the day not recollected in the year 1780 being drafted for nine months under Captain Brashears [Asa Brashears] Lieutenant and ensign not recollected marched under said Captain to Guilford Court house and joined a regiment commanded by Colonel Oneal [sic, perhaps William O'Neal of the Orange County Regiment of militia], the Major of the regiment was named Blair.² He marched from Guilford courthouse under said officers, crossed Yadkin River at Trading ford then down said river which he again crossed and marched to McGee's field where in June 1780 he was verbally discharged by his Captain having been five months in the service he was sometimes engaged in scouting parties—was with no other regular officers during said term.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in Pittsylvania county state of Virginia where he then resided on the first of January 1781 as a substitute for a man whose name he has forgotten who was drafted for three months, under Captain Joseph Morton, Lieutenant and ensign not recollected. Colonel Wilson [probably John Wilson] and Major Lytle [Little?] the number of the regiment he does not recollect. He marched under said officers from Pittsylvania courthouse crossed Dan River at Dick's Ferry—thence to Boyd's old mill near the line of Guilford county North Carolina where he joined the army commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], then marched with the army to Guilford court house encamped there all night then marched next morning which was the 15 March to Haskin's old field near Guilford court house where the battle of Guilford was fought applicant was in the battle two of his messmates, John McMillian & Amos Roberts were wounded in the action. The American army was defeated and retreated to Colonel Perkins Iron works on Troublesome Creek waters of Haw River. Applicant then with the army under said officers marched to New Garden Settlement about the line of Guilford County, his time in service expired and he was discharged from the service by

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² Oath Thomas Blair and William Blair served as a Major in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Martin of the Guilford County Regiment of militia.

Captain Morton first of April 1781 which discharge is lost. He served out his full term of three months. After he crossed the Dan River and before he arrived at Boyd's old mill he crossed the Haw River at High Rock ford. Does not recollect the names of any of the continental regiments or companies with which he served, recollects no regular officer but General Greene. Recollects General Stephens [sic, Edward Stevens of Virginia]. Applicant was born in Caswell County, State of North Carolina, 24 December 1755 the record of his age is in his Uncle Abram Phillips' possession Rockingham County, State of North Carolina. He has no copy of the register in his possession. Since the Revolutionary War applicant has lived in Edgefield District South Carolina, Wilkes County Georgia, in the County of Buncombe North Carolina & in the counties of Washington, Cook, Blount, Sevier, and White, Tennessee and now resides in Jackson County, Tennessee. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. The names of some of the persons to whom the applicant is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of the services as a soldier of the Revolution are Michael Taylor, James Young, and John Welch.

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.

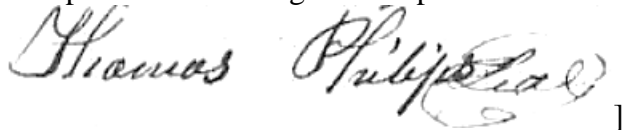
S/ David Phillips, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and
year aforesaid, S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk

[Jonas Griffith, a clergyman, and James Young gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 16: On April 21, 1852 in Jackson County Tennessee, Agnes Philips, 82, a resident of Maury County Tennessee filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of David Phillips, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$36.75 per annum; that he died in Jackson County Tennessee November 17, 1846; that she married David Phillips in Edgefield County South Carolina in 1785 and that she has no documentary evidence to support her claim of marriage to the veteran. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 47: on November 29, 1853 in Overton County Tennessee, Thomas Philips filed an affidavit in support of his mother's claim for a widow's pension stating that he is the oldest child of David Phillips and his wife Agnes Philips.

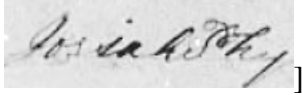


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[p 14: In October 1855 in Putnam County, Tennessee, Agnes Philips, 85, filed a claim for the bounty land entitlement as the widow of David Phillips stating that she married him in Edgefield District South Carolina in 1787; that they were married by Abram Marshall, a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Agnes Ashley; that her husband David Phillips died in Jackson County Tennessee in October 1846. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 18: on October 10, 1866 in Putnam County Tennessee Josiah Phy, administrator of the estate of Agnes Philips, states that she was awarded a pension of \$26.66 per annum commencing February 3rd, 1853 and continuing for life or during her widowhood; that she regularly received her pension until September 4, 1860; that she thereafter drew no further pension payments; that she died in Putnam County on June 4th, 1864 intestate; that at her death she were survived by the following living children, to wit, Charles Phillips, Fanny Philips and Nancy Phy, wife of the

affiant Josiah Phy.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Josiah Phy.", enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]