

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Phillips (Philips) W13811

Sarah Phillips

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[p 6: is a copy of the marriage license bond dated March 31st 1781 issued in Wake County North Carolina on the bond given by John Phillips and John Rice to secure the marriage of John Phillips to Sarah Sexton.]

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State of Georgia Oglethorpe County} SS

On this 12th day of January 1846, personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County aforesaid the same being a Court of Record, Mrs. Sarah Philips [sic, so spelled throughout the document], a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-five years past as she believes who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 4th day of July 1836. That she is the widow of John Phillips who was a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution and served faithfully in the American Cause. That she knows of no person living who could give a narrative of his Services or the names of his Officers and that she has no record or documentary evidence. But according to her best recollection of what she has always understood and verily believes, the said John Phillips resided in Wake County State of North Carolina and in the year 1778, 9, enlisted or volunteered in the Services of said State and served a tour or term of enlistment. That she became intimately acquainted with the said John Phillips about the latter part of 1780, and she thinks in May 1781 the said John Phillips again entered the Services of the United States as a private in Colonel Thomas Wooten's Regiment and was taken from the line and made a cook for Colonel Wooten's [sic] markie [sic, marquee?]. His Services then Continued 18 months. She does not now recollect any other particulars that would aid in the investigation of her claim that the Power of Attorney hereunto annexed was given by the said John Phillips to Saml. H. Blythe and at the same time a transfer was made of two Land Warrants given by the State of North Carolina to the said John Phillips as she always understood for his Services during the War of the Revolution in the Line of said State. Since the death of said Phillips the agreement has been canceled by his Administrator with the said Blythe and the Power of Attorney given up. But the Land Warrants referred to she has no knowledge of. And deponent further states that the said John Phillips died on the 26th day of August in the year 1821 in the County of Oglethorpe State of Georgia.

And deponent further declares that she was legally married to the said John Phillips on the 4th day of April 1781 by Burwell Pope Esquire in the County of Wake State of North

Carolina that her husband died on the day aforesaid leaving her his widow that she has remained a widow ever since. That she knows of no person living who could testify to her legal intermarriage as aforesaid. That she has no Documentary or record evidence of the fact. That the leaf hereunto annexed purporting to be a family register is a true record of her Children's ages. And he is the only family register ever made and owned by herself and husband. And it has been in her possession ever since her husbands death and has gone through no alterations whatever as she can discover that she is unable to State whose handwriting the entries were made in but knows it to be an unbiased true record.

S/ Sarah Phillips, X her mark

[pp 3-4 Family Record]

Delilah Phillips Daughter of John Phillips & Sarah his wife was born the 22nd day of November 1790

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of John Phillips & Sarah his
wife was born the 22nd day
of November 1790*

Richard Phillips son of the Above was born the 6th of February 1794

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John Phillips son of the above was born the 12th day of May 1797

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Above was born the 12th
day of May 1797*

Sarah Saxon Phillips Daughter of the above was born December 25th 1799

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Joseph Phillips the son of John Phillips and Sarah his wife was born 28th day of June 1782

Elizabeth Phillips the Daughter of John Phillips & Sarah his wife was Born in the year of our Lord 1785, May 13th

Mark Phillips the son of John Phillips and Sarah His Wife Was Born the 10th Day of February in the Year of Our Lord 1788

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of John Phillips and Sarah
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[p 36 is the power of attorney between Phillips and Blythe referred to above.]

[p 9: on January 12, 1846 in Oglethorpe County Georgia, Mark Phillips, 57, testified in support of his mother's application for a widow's pension. He states that he was born on February 10, 1788; that he verifies the family record offered by his mother in support of her claim; he states however, that his father died August 26, 1826.

Mark Phillips]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office, that a warrant for 640 acres of land was issued for the services of John Phillips a private soldier in the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, which Warrant was numbered 1904 dated the 15th day of July 1785.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 1853

S/ W. Hill, Secretary of State

[p 11: On March 1, 1853, in Oglethorpe County Georgia, Chesley Arnold, 72, gave an affidavit in which he states that he was born and raised in Virginia and came to Oglethorpe County in

January 1805 and lived a neighbor to John Phillips and his wife Sarah; that he often heard Phillips talked of his service in the revolution; that Mrs. Sarah Philips widow of John Phillips died in the month of March 1847 leaving surviving her the following children: Elizabeth Nunnally, wife of James A. Nunnally, Mark Phillips, Delila Phillips, Richard Phillips, John Phillips & Sarah Tribble, widow of Joel Tribble.]

[Veteran's widow was granted a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 and ending with her death on March 24, 1847.]