

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Bass W23482

Patsy Bass

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State of Missouri, Moniteau County

On this Twenty fifth day of November 1845 before the subscriber one of the Judges of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid (the same being a Court of Record and so decided by the law creating it) personally appeared Patsy Bass-- a resident of said County, aged Eighty-one years, 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 7th June 1838, Entitled "An Act granting half pay and Pensions to certain Widows." That she is the widow of Philip Bass who was a private in the Army of the revolution, and served in the whole two years in different tours of duty in the Militia of North Carolina: She is not able to state the names of his Officers as she had no personal knowledge of them – Nor the times of his entering the service – In the year 1786 she was with her husband at Guilford Court House North Carolina, and he then pointed out to her the field of Battle [March 15, 1781] and showed her some cannon which had been used in the engagement and said he was in that Battle under General Green [Nathanael Greene]; she further Declares that she was married to the said Philip Bass on the 22nd day of January in the year 1782, in the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia by Publication, that her Maiden name was Patsy Mullins, and that her husband, the aforesaid Philip Bass died the 12th day of January 1815, and that she still remains his Widow. She further Declares that she was not married to the said Philip Bass prior to his leaving the Service – But that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Patsy Bass, X her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year first above mentioned.

S/ Buford Allec, Judge

[p 6: Katherine Sortore gave an affidavit dated November 25, 1845 in Moniteau County, Missouri, in which she states that Philip Bass died in the State of Kentucky on January 12, 1815 leaving a widow named Patsy Bass, who remains his widow; that the family records of Philip and Patsy Bass were destroyed in a house fire of Matheldred Bass in the State of Kentucky. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 9: Esther Renfro, 83, widow of John Renfro,¹ gave an affidavit in Barren County, Ky, dated Sept. 9, 1846; she states that she first became acquainted with Philip and Martha Bass in 1791 in Union District, SC; that their families removed to Ky at the same time; that Philip died in Ky and is buried about 7 miles from where Esther gave her affidavit [in Barren County, Ky], that Martha Bass continued the widow of Philip as long as she lived in Ky; that Philip and Martha had a son named William in the

1 [John Renfro W9250](#)

spring after they settled in SC; that they already had two children at that time, Dread and Sarah and that they thereafter had several other children, to wit: Nancy, Isaac, Bird, Elizabeth, Polly & Kathy; and that Philip was reputed to have been a soldier of the Revolution. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 12: On April 12, 1851, Catherine Sortone gave an affidavit stating that Patsy Bass at the time of her death only has four children living, namely Elizabeth Bass of Cedar County, Missouri; Polly Goodman, wife of John Goodman of Morgan County, Missouri; Talbert Bass of Cooper County, Missouri; and Sally Wood, widow of Pleasant Wood of Barren County, Ky.; Catherin Sortone, formerly Catherine Bass and her husband John Sortone reside in Moniteau County, Missouri. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina service.]