

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Phillips W2848

Sarah

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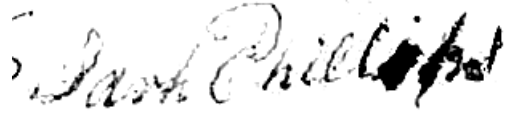
State of Kentucky Green County: SS

On this 16th day of October 1840 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace of the County Courts for the County and State aforesaid Sarah Phillips a resident of the County of Green & State of Kentucky aged 68 years who being sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838. That she is the widow & Relict of Thomas Philips who is now dead that she intermarried with said Thomas Philips on the 31st day of May 1792 in the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia, where they lived until the year 1805 & from thence they removed to the County of Green in the State of Kentucky & so continued & lived together as man & wife until the 18th of February 1818 when her husband the said Thomas Phillips departed this life in the 57th year of his age & that she has remained & continues to remain a widow & unmarried & was never married but the one time. She states that she is now & has been since the year 1805 a resident of the said County of Green, that she is now in the 68th year of her age, that she was born in the year 1772 that her husband the said Thomas Philips was born on the 19th of April 1761 in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of Virginia. She states that she is informed & believes, that her said Husband was a revolution Soldier. She frequently heard the said Thomas Phillips speak of his having been engaged therein & has frequently heard many others who professed to know the fact, speak of him as having served in the war of the revolution. This she has heard before & about the time of her marriage. That he enlisted in the service in Mecklenburg County Virginia in the 15th year of his age, that was in the year 1776 & marched with his company & joined the late Northern Army & was engaged for two years in this service & was in the battle fought at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & at Trenton [December 26, 1776] & afterwards was engaged as a Substitute for some one from said County of Mecklenburg & marched to Guilford Court house & was engaged in the battle fought there in 1781 [March 15, 1781]. She has frequently heard said Phillips speak of Captain Ballard & Holmes & Willson as being engaged in the first service with him. She is unable to tell the names of any officer or officers who commanded his Company unless it was Ballard or Ballard, the General officers she cannot recollect – except those of General Washington, General Green & General Lee. She has heard the service of said Phillips frequently spoken of & of his being at the battle of Brandywine & Trenton by many of the old revolution Soldiers & amongst them Isaac Willson who is now dead & who formerly lived in their County (Green). She has often heard him speak of his having served with said Phillips in said Service & of their being messmate's together on the Tour at Brandywine & at Trenton & his service in the Northern Army. She has never had a single instance heard the fact of the said Phillips service in the revolution war doubted by any. She states that the said Thomas Phillips obtained a discharge for his service

but she is not enabled to state from whom at least said Phillips so informed her, but that the same has been lost & she is unable now to find it. She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that her name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & date above mentioned
S/ Jordan Owen, JP GC

S/ Sarah Phillips

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Phillips". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[p f. 4: Copy of a marriage bond issued May 7, 1792 in Charlotte County Virginia, to Thomas Phillips & Anthony Phillips, bondsman, conditioned upon the marriage of John Phillips [sic] and Sarah Parsons. Signed John Phillips and Anthony Phillips.

Sir, Grant Thomas Phillips License to marry my daughter Sarah Parsons – I am yours

S/ Thomas Parsons

To. Col. Thomas Reade]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia service for 2 years.]