

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Sell W4333
Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina Montgomery County

On this __ day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court, the Superior Court for the County of Montgomery now sitting the Honorable Henry Seawell, one of the Judges of the Superior Court for the State aforesaid, Philip Sell a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged between seventy-two and seventy-three 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 was born in the year 1761 or 1762 as well as he is enabled to state, in the State of Pennsylvania in Barricks County [sic, Berks or Bucks County?]. That he is an illiterate man and does not know the precise date of his birth, not having access to the record thereof which was kept as he believes by his father, and which he has not seen for many years. He states that when he was about twelve years of age his father moved with his family to the State of North Carolina and settled in the County of Mecklenburg. That when he was about sixteen years of age in September of the year in which General Gates was defeated,¹ Captain John Starnes raised in the County of Mecklenburg a company of volunteers consisting of about thirty-five men of this Company this Deponent was one, who volunteered for a tour of three months service, as a private, and after the Company had been completed it marched to Salisbury and there joined General Rutherford, Colonel Lofton and Major Weath who commanded a body of about five hundred men who had been collected together for the purpose of opposing the Tories in the Eastern part of the State: From Salisbury Rutherford's Army marched to Fayetteville, then called Cross Creek, passing through Moore County. From Fayetteville they marched on the Cape Fear River to Wilmington which was the place of their destination: They entered Wilmington on finding that the enemy had left that quarter and no longer remained to oppose them. They returned and own their way at Fayetteville, the time for which Captain Starnes men had volunteered having expired this Deponent together with the rest of his Company were discharged and they returned home. This Deponent saith that he received no written discharge and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

In May of the following year Colonel Wade Hampton of South Carolina came into Mecklenburg County for the purpose of raising a Regiment of mounted infantry, who were to join General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Brigade who were then in South Carolina. This Deponent saith that the soldiers who were to compose this Regiment were enlisted or volunteered for ten months. That several Companies were raised in Mecklenburg and the

¹ August 15-16, 1780 at the Battle of Camden

adjoining Counties and amongst the rest Captain Peter Burns raised a Company of mounted infantry for a term of ten months service of which Company is Deponent was one who entered the same as a private: Colonel Hampton remained in North Carolina until he had completed his Regiment, which was composed of the Companies already spoken of when he marched off and joined General Sumter's Brigade who were then on the Congaree River in South Carolina: on their march to Orangeburg they took the Congaree & Thompson's forts which were garrisoned by a small number of the British soldiers. They also took prisoners the garrison of the Fort at Orangeburg, which was also in possession of the enemy. At Orangeburg they remained about a month and then returned to the Fort on the Congaree where they were joined by General Greens [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army on its march from Camden at the Congaree Fort General Green paroled the British Prisoners, who then went to Charleston. From Congaree Fort General Green with General Sumter & Colonel Hampton marched their forces to the Fort at Ninety Six which was then in possession of the British. General Greens Army invested Ninety Six but was compelled to raise the siege and retreat back to Orangeburg whether the British under Lord Rawdon pursued him. At Orangeburg the American & British armies prepared for battle. The British Army however was drawn off towards the Eutaw Springs and General Green retired with his forces to the high Hills on Santee River, where he remained sometime before he marched to Camden again. In the meantime while General Greens Army was in the Hills of Santee Colonel Hampton with a company of about 100 mounted infantry one of whom was this Deponent was detached from the main Army and by a forced march of three days arrived at what was called the Quarter House about four miles from Charleston where they took 60 British prisoners with their horses, whom they carried back to the High Hills of Santee where General Greens Army still remained. From thence the prisoners were carried to Camden and sent to Salisbury North Carolina under guard. This Deponent with the rest of the Company who conducted the prisoners to Camden remained there until General Greens main Army came thither. From Camden the American Army marched off to the Eutaw Springs where they came upon Lord Rawdon who commanded the British forces and at that place an engagement ensued between the two armies in which the Americans had the advantage. From the Battle at the Eutaw Springs the American Army marched off towards Charleston and took up quarters near a place called the four hole Swamp about twenty miles from Charleston. At this place the four hole Swamp Colonel Hampton's Regiment was stationed as a guard and there remained until this Deponent who was one of them was discharged his ten months having expired and he returned home. He states that he received no written discharge. This Deponent states that he is able to prove this service of ten months by Joseph Black² and Adam Team³ citizens of South Carolina, whose Depositions are herewith transmitted. He states that there is no regularly ordained minister of the gospel in his neighborhood by whom he can prove his reputation as a soldier of the revolution. But that he is known to George Crowell & William Swearingen Esquire who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. This Deponent states that he claims a pension for 13 months service as a soldier of the revolution. After the war terminated this Deponent lived some time in Mecklenburg and afterwards moved into Montgomery where he now resides and has resided for more than 40 years. 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 & year aforesaid

² [Joseph Black S21646](#)

³ [Adam Team \(Teem, Tim\) S21528](#)

S/ F. W. Martin
[William Swearingen and George Crowell gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

S/ Philip Sell, X his mark

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South Carolina Richland district: SS

Personally appeared before me Joseph A. Black a Justice of the Peace in and for the District aforesaid Joseph Black Esquire a resident of Abbeville District State aforesaid, aged 70 years and on oath saith that he was well acquainted with Philip Sell (who applies for the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832) during the Revolutionary war that to his own knowledge the said Philip Sell did enlist and Peter Burns Company of mounted Infantry in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment that the said Philip Sell continued to serve during the term of ten months in the said service and was discharged at a place called the four hole Swamp in the State of South Carolina and in conclusion it he saith that the said Philip Sell was a faithful good soldier periods Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of December 1833 before me

S/ Jos A. Black, JP

S/ Jos. Black

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jos. Black". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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South Carolina Richland District

Personally appeared before me Adam Team a citizen of the State & District aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law saith that he the deponent is about 70 years of age. That he the deponent was well acquainted with the present applicant, Philip Sell, during the Revolutionary War & knows the fact that he, Philip Sell, the applicant did enlist in Captain Peter Burns' Company of mounted infantry attached to Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment, Sumpters Brigade for the term of ten months that he the said Philip Sell served out the Term of ten months & was discharged at the four hole Swamp in this State with this deponent and others attached to the same Company.

Sworn to before made this 20th of December 1833

S/ Jos. A. Black, JP

S/ Adam Team

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Team". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

[p 10: On August 8th 1844, in Stanley County North Carolina, Dorothy Sell, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Sell, a pensioner at the rate of \$43 33 per annum; that she married him in the month of June 1784; that he died August one, 1843; and she submits her family record in the German language in support of her claim.



[p 21: On February 24, 1845 in Cabarrus County North Carolina, Francis Lingle of Rowan County gave testimony that he was personally present and saw John Nuseman,, then Minister of the gospel, solemnize by publication in a church now called Organ Church in Rowan County of the Lutheran in order the banns of marriage between Philip Sell and Dorothy Conright.]

[p 32: On February 14, 1849 in Stanley County North Carolina, Solomon Sell, son of the late Dorothy Sell, made application on behalf of himself and the other heirs of Dorothy Sell for the pension due her under the various pension acts; that she died at her late residence in Stanley County on February 26 1848 having received her pension through September 4, 1847; that she was survived by the following children: John, Solomon, Goright [?], Sarah & Pancy [could by Paney], all of lawful age

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Philip Sell
 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 6864A
 Transcribed by Will Graves

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⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

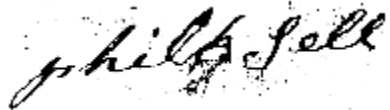
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To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina –

Gentlemen Your Humble Petitioner doth by the affidavit of William Alexander, Captain, hereunto annexed, Show that I Philip Sell did Serve the whole of the Ten Months Tour in the State aforesaid under said Captain, and was Wounded at the Battle of Eutaw Spring [sic] –

And I your Humble petitioner prays your Honorable Body to grant your petitioner the pension provided By Law for Wounded Revolutionary Soldiers, and that the Arrangement may be placed in Such Way that I may receive the same, which will be Thankfully Received by your petitioner as I am ever in duty bound to pray

S/ Philip Sell



December 14th, 1826

S/ Wm Alexander Cap



State of North Carolina

Mecklenburg County

William Alexander, Captain, being Solemnly Sworn in due form of Law deposeth and Saith that the above Philip Sell did in the Revolutionary War Serve as A private Soldier the Whole of the Ten Months Tour the greatest part of that Power in the Company said William Alexander Commanded and that said Philip Sell now pressing the above petition is now living & in his own person pursuing [?] the Same and further Saith not. Sworn to, and Subscribed this 14th day of December 1826

S/ Wm Alexander

The above facts sworn to before me this 4th of December 1827

S/ Richardson, JP

S/ Philip Sell, X his mark

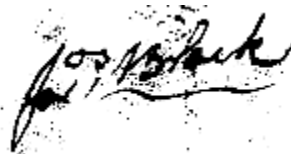
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South Carolina} Before me personally appeared Joseph Black and being duly Sworn, Saith, he was personally acquainted with Philip Sell, in the Revolutionary War, and that said Philip Sell served in the Company with this deponent, under Captain Alexander, and was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, and that he has heard & believes was wounded at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs Sworn to before made this

4th of December 1827

S/ T. Richardson, J Q

S/ Jos Black



[pp 9-10: Annual receipts showing the disbursement of \$60 per annum to Philip Sell from

December 5, 1828 through December 19, 1833. Each receipt bears the signature of Philip Sell by his mark.]

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To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina,

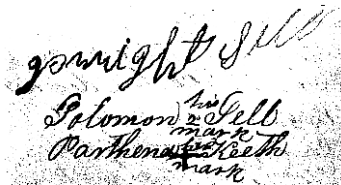
The humble petition of Gorright Sale, Solomon Sell and Parthena Keith of Stanley County in the State of North Carolina only now living children of Philip Sell deceased late of the County of Montgomery in said State & formerly a pensioner of the State of South Carolina as revolutionary Soldier respectfully Sheweth That in the year 1827 their said father was allowed a pension for his services in Sumter's Brigade in your State (see Senate Documents 1827) – and that he continued to draw the same at the rate of \$60 per annum (see Treasurer of Upper Division's books) till March 1833, after which time living as he then was in Montgomery County North Carolina, their said father from old age & infirmity's & from being informed that he could not draw the same unless he went in person to the Capital of your State, he did not receive his annual Allowance during the remainder of his life. That he was quite poor and thus became dependent on your Memorialists for a support. He continued to reside in said State of North Carolina until his death which took place on the 1st day of August 1843, leaving a widow Dorothy Sell who died in said State of North Carolina in February 1848. That neither their said father nor their said Mother ever drew the arrears which were due him from your patriotic & Generous State from March 1833 to 1st of August 1843, when he died and that your petitioners were ignorant how to proceed and have never made application heretofore for the same.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honorable body to take their case into Consideration & to allow them the Arrears as is customary by your Honorable body in such cases, from the time of their said father's last draw to his death and respectfully referring to the accompanying proofs they will ever pray &c

S/ Gorright Sell

S/ Solomon Sell, X his mark

S/ Parthena Keith, X her mark



The image shows three handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is 'Gorright Sell'. The second signature is 'Solomon Sell' with 'his mark' written above it. The third signature is 'Parthena Keith' with 'her mark' written above it. The signatures are written in dark ink on a light background.

[Note: The prayer of the petitioner was granted and on January 23, 1858 they received a disbursement of \$625 being the amount of annuity their father at the time of his death.]