

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Pharr W4565

Elizabeth Pharr

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Samuel Pharr was Born October 20th 1757 Died May 7th 18[illegible]

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State of Georgia Gwinnett County}

On this the thirtieth day of August 1844 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth Pharr a resident of said County and State aged Eighty years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows. That she is the widow of Samuel Pharr who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution in the North Carolina Militia. That the said Samuel Pharr volunteer about the Commencement of the War and served a tour in a company of volunteers raised in Mecklenburg County North Carolina the place of his residence. That he served under Captain Alexander [probably Thomas Alexander] Major Barr [perhaps James Barr of Rowan County] the other officers not recollected by this deponent. And this deponent further states that the said Samuel Pharr was in the service at several stages of the War. That he served some part of his time as Waggoner and that towards the close of the War she is of opinion that he served as Lieutenant in cavalry. That the said Samuel Pharr was partly raised and resided in Mecklenburg County North Carolina at and prior to the commencement of the War and rendered all his services as a soldier from said County and State But the officers names whom he served under she cannot state only Captain Alexander & Major Barr. That she knows of no person living who was acquainted with the said Samuel Pharr other than Edward Pharr a resident of Jackson County Georgia and John Jenkins of Pike County Georgia whose affidavits which may hereafter be hereunto annexed for proof of his services she refers to and this deponent further declares that she was legally married to the said Samuel Pharr on the 11th day of February 1783 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina. That they removed from thence to Georgia Wilkes County from thence to South Carolina Abbeville District where her husband died on the 7th day of May 1804. That she has remained a widow ever since that date. That she has no Documentary evidence in her possession of their having been married and knows of none in the possession of any other person that she knows of no person living who could testify she has no documentary evidence of her husband's services as aforesaid. That she was not married prior to her husband's last service but was married prior to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated all of which will more fully appear by reference to prove hereunto

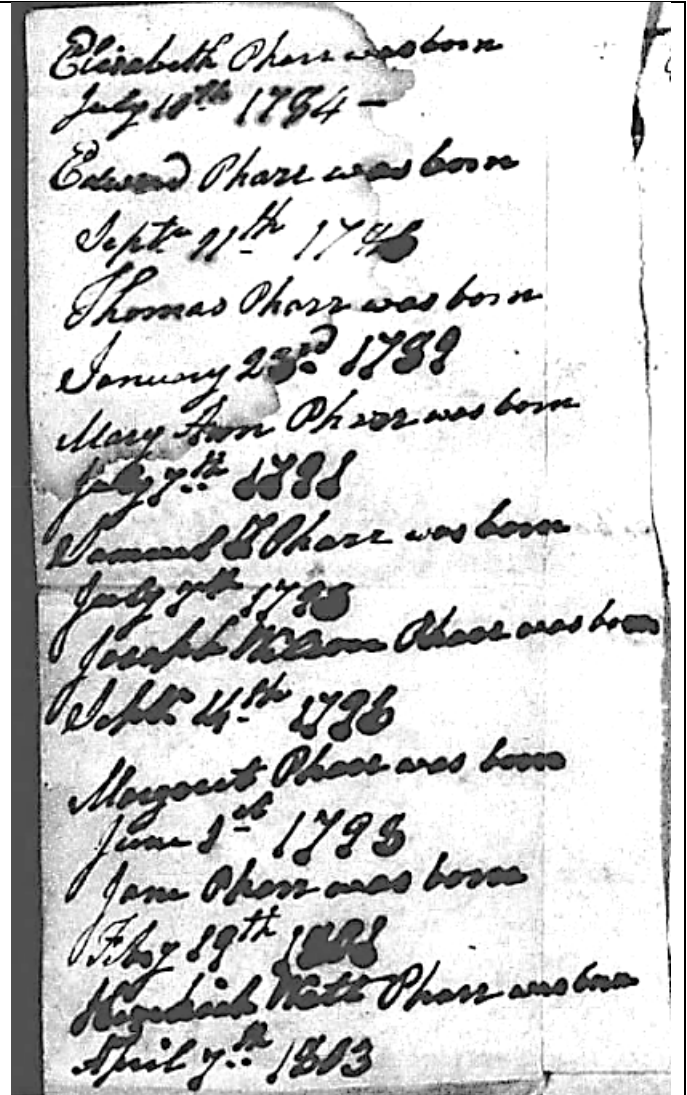
annexed.

S/ Elizabeth Pharr, X her mark

[p 3 & p 13 family register]

"Elisabeth Pharr was born July 10th 1784
Edward Pharr was born Sept. 11th 1786
Thomas Pharr was born January 23rd 1789
Mary Ann Pharr was born July 7th 1791
Samuel Thatcher Pharr was born July 7th
1793
Joseph Wilson Pharr was born Sept. 14th
1796
Margaret Pharr was born June 1st 1798
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Hezekiah Watt Pharr was born April 7th
1803

[on p 3 version but not on p 13 version]
William Thomas Giles was born Sept. the 4
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Cook



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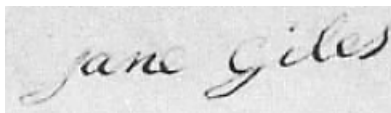
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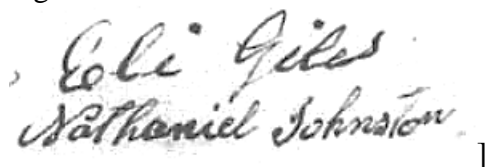
Be it known that on this 12th day of June 1845 before me the Alexander Forster a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Mrs. Jane Giles a resident of Gwinnett County Georgia aged 44 years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following statement. That she is the reputed legitimate daughter of Samuel & Elizabeth Pharr that she has always understood that her Father was a Soldier and served in the War of the Revolution and died in the year 1804 leaving her said mother his widow and a family of reputed legitimate Children and that the leaf hereunto annexed purporting to be a family register contains their names in the order of their Births and that she believes the same to contain a true record of their ages. That when she deponent married some 22 years since her said mother gave her the family Bible with the ages of her Brothers & sisters then registered at this late period she cannot relate in whose handwriting the entries are registered But thinks probably it is

the hand writing of her ~~Brother Edward~~. That her Brother Joseph Pharr several years since gave her a note Book with the date of her said Father & mother's marriage registered therein But in consequence of the ink being pale some of her Children or some person else on examination she discovers has at some time defaced the original hand writing in order as she supposes to make the registry more plain. That she also has in her possession a part of the original record of her Grand Father Edward Pharr's Original Family record containing the ages of her said Father Samuel Pharr which is also hereunto annexed.

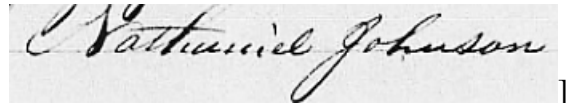
S/ Jane Giles



[p 8: On June 15, 1845, Eli Giles and Nathaniel Johnston gave testimony that they were personally acquainted with the surviving children of Samuel and Elizabeth Pharr and the family registers of their births.



[p 10: in a letter dated August 17, 1853 addressed to the then commissioner of pensions, Nathaniel Johnson refers to Elizabeth far as his mother-in-law.



[p 9 is probably the page of the Grandfather's Bible—it is largely illegible; the only words I can make out are

"Ephraim Pharr was Born August ___
Samuel Pharr Born october 30th [?] 1757
___ Pharr Born october 4 1759
___ Pharr Born ___ 20th 1761
___ Pharr Born october ___ 1761
___ Pharr Born January ___ 1766
Francis Pharr

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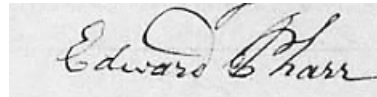
State of Georgia at Jackson County

On this 15th day of July 1844 personally appeared before me James B. Nabers a Justice of the peace in and for said County Edward Pharr a resident of the County of Jackson & State of Georgia aged seventy-eight years, who being duly sworn according to law saith that he formerly resided in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and was for many years well acquainted with Samuel Pharr of the said County and State. That the said Samuel Pharr was subsequently of Abbeville District SC and died there, perhaps 30 years ago leaving a widow – Elizabeth Pharr, formerly Elizabeth Bailey to whom he was married on the ___ day of 1783 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina – and that the said Samuel Pharr was in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war for the space of 9 months at one time – and was frequently out in

Companies & on scouts⁴ different periods and a time, but what length of time the said Samuel Pharr served in all, deponent does not now recollect nor can he recollect the names of any officers under whom Samuel Pharr served unless perhaps his 9 months service was under Captain or Colonel Thomas Alexander and he thinks probably a time under Major Barr. Deponent cannot state the dates precisely but thinks Samuel Pharr entered the service 12 or 18 months prior to the Battle of Guilford N. C. [March 15, 1781] and had served out his time of 9 months and returned home before that battle, having been most of the time in South Carolina – whether he was drafted or a volunteer deponent does not recollect – he resided in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when he entered the service – Sworn to and Subscribed before me this day and date above mentioned.

S/ James B. Nabers, JP

S/ Edward Pharr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Pharr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 19: On May 16, 1845 in Cherokee County Georgia, Joseph W Pharr gave testimony that he is 48 years of age; that his father was Edward Pharr; he authenticates the family record which appears on page 13 of this file; that he, affiant, made a transcript from the family record which was in the possession of his brother, Edward Pharr of Gwinnett County Georgia; that the original family record was consumed by fire when the house of Edward Pharr was burned; that his parents, Samuel Pharr and Elizabeth Bailey Pharr were married February 11, 1783 according to the family records.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. W. Pharr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1836 for her husband's service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]