

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Philip Pope W55

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State of Tennessee, Smith County

On the 28 day of August 1832, Phillip Pope personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for said County, having a clerk and county Seal a resident of said County, aged 70 years in October next, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed the 7th June 1832: That he entered the service of The United States, under the following officers and Served as follows:

He was drafted in Edgecombe County NC in the year 1778 he thinks, was attached to the Company Commanded by Capt. Edward Hall, and in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. James Johnson and he thinks in the Brigade Commanded by Genl. Butler. He was marched from Edgecombe County in No. Carolina to Camden in S. Carolina, from there to Augusta in Georgia, from there to Stono [River] in S. Carolina. He was in the Battle of Stono. He served this time five months, and thinks he was permitted to return home from Stono, and was discharged by Col Johnson at home, but has lost his discharge.

In the 1st of the year 1781 he turned out as a volunteer, and joined the company of Capt. Dred Phillips, of the same County as above stated; the Regiment was commanded by Col. William Linton; he was marched to Guilford C. H. No. Carolina, and was there at the time of the Battle. After the Battle of Guilford, he was detailed to wait upon the wounded, and was then discharged by the Surgeon in attendance the name not recollected to he thinks it was either Drs. Ramsey or Wallace, but has lost his discharge, He served three months this Term.

He then volunteered again, and Joined the company commanded by Capt. Grisham Coffield, of Edgecombe County No. Carolina, and went against the Tories, three months this term in the Regiment Commanded by Maj. Hardy Griffin and Col. Clinch.

He again volunteered 12 months, in the fall of 1781; Joined the company commanded by Swan Trouton in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Lewis; he marched from Halifax in No. Carolina to Hillsborough, where he was left as a guard until some time in August 1782 when he was released and joined his regiment on Haw River where he remained, until his term was out and was discharged by Col. Lewis.

He then enlisted during the war under Capt. Wm Lytle, in Orange County No. Carolina, but was never Called into Service. He was discharged by Capt. Lytle at Hillsborough, until further orders, but was not again Called upon & has lost his

discharges. He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service except the accompanying furlough & affidavit.

Quest. 1 When & in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Halifax County, North Carolina in the year 1762 16th of October.

Quest. 2 Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it

Ans. My parents had a record of every age, which I have frequently seen, but do not know where it now is

Quest. 3 Where were you living when called into service Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live

Ans. I lived in Edgecombe County No. Carolina when I went into the service, and lived there during the Revolutionary War, and continued to live there on the same place until the year 1810 when I moved to Smith County in the State of Tennessee, where I now reside & have resided since the year 1810.

The answers to the 4. 5. 6. interrogatories will be found in the foregoing part of this documentation.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or territory in the United States or other nation.

Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court the 28 day of August 1832.

S/ Phillip Pope, X his mark

S/ J. Bickett, Clerk

Present the Worshipful John Chambers, Solomon Debow and William C. Garrison, Esquires

State of Tennessee Set: This day Willis Hodges¹ appeared in open Court and made oath that he was well acquainted with Phillip Pope, the above named applicant for a pension, during the Revolutionary war, he knows of his own knowledge that he was at the Battle of Guilford -- and believed he served in the war of the Revolution as stated in his declaration -- He and the said Phillip Pope were raised in the same neighborhood, and now neighbors, and have been acquaintances all their lives, and he believes said Philip to be a man of truth.

Sworn to in open Court the 28 day of August 1832

S/ J. Bickett, Clk

S/ Willis Hodges, X his mark

[fn p. 8: copy of furlough in the file: original on fn p. 23]

"Camps Near Tarb^h [Tarborough] 7th October 1781. This may Certify that Phillip Pope is on forlow till he is fitt for duty then to Join Camps given under my hand.

S/ Hardy Griffin, Mjr.

[William Flowers and John Harper, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p 11: On August 10, 1849 in Smith County Tennessee, Mrs. Elizabeth Pope, 87, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Pope, a

¹ FPA W7775

pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she and Philip Pope were married in Halifax County North Carolina June 22, 1786; that her husband died in Smith County on May 13, 1849; that she remains his widow; that her first child was born 23rd day of April 1787; that she has no record evidence to support her claim; that she was born October 21, 1762.]

[fn p. 15 family record]

Joseph Pope the son of Philip Pope & Charity his wife was born March ye 22 day 1785
Kezia Pope the daughter of Philip Pope & Elisabeth his wife was born April ye 23rd 1787

William Polk ye son of Philip Pope & Elisabeth his wife was born April ye 30th 1789

Siless [Silas] Polk the son of Philip Pope and Elizabeth his wife was born September ye 6th day 1791

Jesse Pope son of Silas Pope and Unice [Eunice] his wife was born the 6th Day of May 1814

Calvin Pope son of Silas Pope & Unice his wife was born first June 1816

Betsey Pope daughter of Keziah Pope was born 8th May 1815

Lydia Pope Daughter of Jesse Pope & Elisabeth his wife was born February ye 3 1758

Philip Pope son of Jesse Pope & Elisabeth his wife was born October ye 16 1762

Mary Pope daughter of Jesse Pope & Elisabeth his wife was born March ye 13 1760

Atkins Pope Son of Jesse Pope & Elisabeth His Wife Was Born May ye 29 1765

Elizabeth Pope Daughter of Jesse Pope & Elisabeth His Wife Was Born February ye 3 1769

Charity Pope Daughter of Jesse Pope and Elizabeth His Wife Was Born March ye 4 1774

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County

On the 8th day of September 1834 virtually appeared before me James George one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Nathaniel Bilbry² who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say in relation to the services of Philip Pope in the Army of the Revolution --

That he was well acquainted with said Pope he the said Pope residing near deponent when he entered into the military service of the Country. -- That he recollects distinctly the time when Pope entered the service and thinks it was October 1781. The Regiment to which said Pope was attached was divided into 2 detachments. The one in which Pope performed his service was assigned to Major Bennett Crafton and he was under the immediate command of Captain Swan Trouton. These troops were raised for the purpose of operating against the Tories and affording protection to the Legislature at Hillsborough and made a point of rendezvous near Shocer Springs [sic, Shocco Springs] in the County of Warren. -- From Shocer he proceeded with the troops to Hillsboro where they remained until after the Session of the Legislature -- after which time they were employed in the southern part of the State mainly in pursuit of Tories and returning to Hillsboro were discharged in October 1782; the term of his service embracing a period of 12 months.

Sworn to and subscribed

² [Nathaniel Bilbry \(Bilbory\) S6645](#)

S/ Jas. George, JP

S/ Nathanl Bilbry

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: Personally appeared before me Daniel McAulay an acting justice of the Peace in & for said County Henry Pitt³ aged 74 years who upon his oath makes the following statement

That in the year 1781 (he thinks but from great age & loss of memory he cannot state positively as to the year) there was ordered by Colonel Hart a company of militia for the protection of Edgecombe County North Carolina & for the suppression of the Tories in said County to be raised. The officers of the company were Captain James Wilson Lieutenant Bithel Bell Ensign William Fort. This company consisted he thinks of about 30 men. This deponent volunteered & enlisted in said company. The company was raised for 3 months & this deponent was in actual service in said company during the whole of 3 months. The company never had any battle with the Tories but they took prisoners a great many of them. They marched over the County a great many times. When there was no disturbances by the Tories they encamped at the town of Tarbury [sic, Tarborough] the County seat of Edgecombe County. They scarcely ever remained here more than 2 or 3 days before they would march again after the Tories & thus they were engaged during the whole term. Many of the incidents of this tour are fresh in deponent's memory. Deponent does not recollect whether or not Philip Pope (who has applied to him for this statement) served this tour in this company but from the statements which the said Philip Pope gives of many of the particular incidents of the service of said company & of the marches of the company & the places it was at he has no doubt that he was one of the soldiers in said company & performed the service. And it is not to be wondered at that he cannot recollect the personal services of the said Philip Pope for his memory has greatly failed him in everything. Sworn & subscribed to before me this 29th day of September 1834

Test: S/ Danl. McAulay, JP

S/ Henry Pitt

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State of Tennessee Smith County: April Term of Smith Circuit Court

On this 15th day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Abraham Carothers Judge of the circuit court now sitting Philip Pope a resident of Smith County Tennessee aged 71 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 the 7th of June 1832 that he entered the service of the United [States] in Edgecombe County State of North Carolina in March 1778 under Captain Edward Hall in Colonel Joseph Johnston's Regiment Drafted Militia and marched from Tarboro to Camden in South Carolina from thence we joined General Lincoln's Army and marched with them to Augusta in Georgia from there to Stono battle and was in the Engagement after that returned with Lincoln's Army to the Encampment and was there discharged by Colonel Johnston in the month of July making a tour of 5 months service[;] further in the year 1781 he turned out a volunteer and joined a company commanded by Captain Dred Philips in Edgecombe County North Carolina and Colonel Linton's Regiment and marched with the Regiment to the Battle of Guilford and after the Battle

³ [Henry Pitt S3689](#)

was placed with wounded as a guard and continued with the wounded until discharged at Guilford Court house by Doctor Wallace after serving a tour of 3 months his discharge has been lost[;] again soon after he returned in the same year he volunteered under Captain Grissom Coefield [Grisham Coffield] of Edgecombe County North Carolina and went against the Tories a tour of 3 months and again volunteered and served with the said Captain Cofield another Tour of 3 months against the Tories in this Tour his company marched with Colonel Clinch's Regiment through North Carolina and was discharged at Tarborough in the fall of 1781 and received a written discharge but has lost it. Soon afterwards in the same year 1781 he volunteered in Captain Swann Trouten's [Swan Trouton] company in Tarborough and Colonel Lewis's Regiment and marched with the Regiment from Halifax to Hillsborough and there remained as a guard until August 1782 when he by orders joined the Regiment on Haw River where he remained until discharged after performing his 12 months service as a private soldier discharged by Colonel Lewis but has lost his discharge he afterwards enlisted with Captain William Lytle for during the war but never was carried into service further than recruiting until he was discharged at the return of peace that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except the proof accompanying his first declaration not considered sufficient 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 or Territory

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ W. Hart, Clk

S/ Philip Pope, X his mark

[John Bransford, a clergyman, Richard Hodges and Thomas Hale gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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With this 29th day of December 1834 personally appeared before me Abram Caruthers one of the Circuit Judges in the State of Tennessee Philip Pope and being first by me duly sworn on his oath says that it is not in his power to be more explicit in stating the services than he has already done in his declaration of t 15th April 1834, he was in service the whole of the 12 months for which he was Enlisted part of the time it is true he was sick and not fit for duty and received a furlough to remain out of active service until he recovered from sickness, and in less than 10 days he did recover and immediately joined the service he has yet turn that a 6 soldier is for the time deprived of his compensation on that account or that his services then on not to be counted he served his country as he has in his declaration stated if there is any era it is putting down less time instead of more it is with his government and its agents whether or not they allow it, or withhold it in cavaling [?] or non essential parts of his testimony until it will do him no service if granted.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this day and date above written.

S/ Ab Caruthers Judge

S/ Philip Pope, X his mark