

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Phillips W5533

Hannah Phillips f18NC

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State of Georgia County of Franklin

On this 1st day of December A.D. 1852 before me a Justice of the Peace duly authorized by law to administer of his in and for said County, personally appeared Hannah Phillips aged ninety years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7th of July 1838 and subsequent acts making provision for the widows of deceased Revolutionary soldiers. That she is the widow of Thomas Phillips who was a private soldier of the revolutionary war in the State of North Carolina. That she was well acquainted with Thomas Phillips before he went into said war. That his & her parents were at that time near neighbors and lived in Lenoah [sic, Lenoir] County North Carolina that he was drafted she thinks in the spring of 1779 and she believes he served two six months tours as a drafted soldier, that afterwards he volunteered and served all or nearly all the time until the war was over that he served part of the time under Colonel Caswell [William Caswell] and Captain White and other officers, whom she heard her husband talked much about, but she has now forgotten their names. That he was in some severe battles with the British but she cannot remember where. That at one Battle he was severely wounded by receiving a musket shot in his arm, and one in his side a little above the hip bone and that he was in some severe skirmishes with the Tories, that she remembers distinctly of having seen him occasionally during the war and heard him speak much about the dangers and hardships that he had to endure but from loss of memory she is unable to describe his services more definitely than as above stated only she remembers that he did not come home to stay any length of time until the war was over.

And she further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Phillips in Lenoir County North Carolina in the month of April 1785 by Abraham Baker a Baptist Minister, that her name before her said marriage was Hannah Weathington, that they kept a Bible Record of their marriage which she preserved for many years, but that it is now destroyed, and she believes that no record, public or private of her marriage is in existence at this time. She therefore refers to the ages of her children as the best evidence of her marriage at the time above stated, that she is now able to present, that her first child Cleverly Philips was born January 14, 1786, second Rachel born March 14, 1788, third Dennis born April 19, 1791, fourth Zelpha born May 1794, fifth Wiley born April 28, 1797, sixth Dewrant born March 1800, seventh Kizza born January 1803. She further declares that her said husband died in Franklin County Georgia on the 16th day of December 1814 leaving this deponent his widow and that she is still his widow and she

declares that during the last few years she has been often advised to apply for a pension for the revolutionary services of her deceased husband, but that she knew not how to proceed and had no one to assist or and struck her in the matter, it has therefore been neglected till now.

S/ Hannah Phillips, X her mark

[p 13: On January 19, 1853 in Franklin County Georgia, Pleasant Holley, 65, a resident of said County, gave testimony that he became acquainted with Thomas Phillips and his wife Hannah in 1806; that Philips bore the reputation and character of being a revolutionary soldier; that deponent's father William Holley, who died in 1821, was also a soldier in the revolution in North Carolina; "...that he has often heard his father and said Phillips speak of being together in service in the Revolutionary war and that he heard them speak of being together in some severe battle, and of the hardships and sufferings that they were compelled to endure..."]

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