

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Phillips¹ W5535 Comfort f26VA
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At the Court held for Accomack County, on the 28th day of August 1832.

Jonathan Phillips of the County of Accomack this day personally appeared in court and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832, viz. "State of Virginia Accomack County: SS: On this 28th day of August 1832 &c"

And the court do declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above mentioned applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier & Served as he states – and the Court further certifies that it appears to them that the said Jonathan Phillips could not conveniently procure the attendance of a Clergyman to make the Certificate required by the War Department – And the Court further certifies that Benjamin Colonna & William Harrison who have signed the preceding Certificate are citizens of this County and that their certificate is entitled to credit.

At a court held for Accomack County on the 28th day of October 1850

It is ordered to be certified that it appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence, that Jonathan Phillips died in the year 1835; that he left a widow, Comfort Phillips, who is now living; that the said Jonathan Phillips and the said Comfort were married before the year 1794, and that the said Comfort Phillips is now the widow of the said Jonathan Phillips deceased: –

State of Virginia Accomack County: Sc

I, John H Gillet, Clerk of the County Court of Accomack County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true transcripts from the records of said Court. I further certify that the proceedings of said Court are entered, while the Court is in session, in a book called the "Minute Book"; that as the laws of Virginia require the proceedings of said Court for each day to be read and signed before its adjournment for that day, it is sometimes found to be impossible to enter the entire proceedings in full in the "Minute Book" and consequently it has been the [indecipherable word] practice when length the papers filed in writing were to be made a part of the Proceedings *to insert only a few of the first words of the such papers so as to identify them, and afterwards to copy them at length in the Order Book when transcribing; that the aforesaid copy of the entry made on the 28th day of August 1832 relative to the declaration of Jonathan Phillips is a correct copy of the same as made both in² the "Minute Book" and "Order Book"; that the proceedings of the said Court on the day when said declaration was made were very lengthy, and among other things contained the entry of the declarations of eleven different persons, made to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832, all*

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² the words in italics only appear in the HeritageQuest.com version of this file

of which declarations were filed in writing and were entered on the "Minute Book" in the same manner as the declaration of said Phillips, but our fully written out upon the "Order Book"; and that said Phillips' declaration was not written out upon the "Order Book" in the same manner as the declaration of other persons made on the same day probably because it had been lost or mislaid, as since I have been unable to find the same, although I have carefully examined the papers of the said Court.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this the 12th day of November A.D. 1850, and in the 75th year of the Commonwealth.

S/ J. W. Gillet, C. A. C.

State of Virginia Accomack County: SS

On this 24th day of April A.D. 1851, comfourt Phillips, widow of Jonathan Phillips, a resident of the County of Accomack, aged 79 years personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for said County, and being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July the 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," and also of the supplemental acts of March 3rd 1843, June 17th 1844, and 2nd February 1848. That she is the widow of Jonathan Phillips, who was a private in the Companies of Captain Joynes and Underhill, commanded by Colonel Southy Simpson and Colonel George Corbin, that he was engaged in various places in the County of Accomack in keeping guard, and in consideration of his said services in the Militia of the County of Accomack, Jonathan Phillips, her husband was allowed a pension under the act of June the 7th 1832. She further declares that she was married to the said Jonathan Phillips, on the 27th day of February 1793, that her husband the aforesaid Jonathan Phillips died on the 17th February 1835. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794. She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made application for a pension.

S/Comfort Phillips, X her mark

[f p. 12: On April 18, 1855 in Accomack County Virginia, the widow, 84, applied for the bounty land entitlement due her as the widow of Jonathan Phillips.]

[f p. 20: On December 2, 1850, William Phillips, 77, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Phillips during the whole of his life; that he knows Jonathan Phillips and Comfort Moore, now Comfort Phillips, were married before the year 1794.]

[f p. 24]

Accomack County State of Virginia: SS:

I Benjamin Colonna,³ of Accomack County and State of Virginia, aged 89 years, a Revolutionary Soldier, do hereby certify that I lived in the immediate neighborhood of and was well acquainted with Jonathan Phillips, and I am positively certain that he served in the Revolutionary War. He was in the Companies commanded by Captain Joynes and Underhill attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Southy Simpson. To my certain knowledge all of the militia Companies in this County were frequently called out to guard & defend exposed situations in the County. From my knowledge of the services of the companies commanded by Captains Joynes and

³ FPA S46634

Underhill I am confident Jonathan Phillips was on Military duty more than 2 years but of the exact time he was in service I cannot after this long lapse of time say with accuracy.

S/ Benjamin Colonna

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[Veteran's widow was allowed the pension due her deceased husband at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for his service as a private for two years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount in her own right affective March 4, 1836.]