

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Merry W7440

Rose Merry

f37VA

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State of Virginia County of Fauquier

On this 3rd of June 1833 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid Philip Merry aged about 84 years a resident of the said County & state 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 enlisted into the Minute service under Captain A. Buchanan [Andrew Buchanan] in the town of Falmouth in Virginia in what year he does not recollect but he supposes about the year 1776. While in the minute service he, & his companions stayed about 20 or 21 days and tents at Dangerfield's on the Rappahannock River. He marched to Hampton. He served in the minute service about 8 months 3 months of that time was at Hampton & its neighborhood. He was afterwards (the year not recollected but when the English Fleet came up into the Potomac [River]) drafted into the militia & served under Lieutenant Vowles & marched to Marlborough this seat of a Mr. Mercer & thence went to Boyd's Hole under Captain Kendall. He served during this tour about 3 or 4 weeks. He was again drafted into the militia under Captain Cary [Edward Carey] of Falmouth & marched to the siege of York & went to Winchester as a part of the guard to the prisoners carried to that place. He served in this campaign about three months. He has no documentary evidence of his service & he does not know any person but Wm Pattie & James Lyons by whom he can prove his service there affidavits accompany this declaration. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Question 1 Where & in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Kilkenny in Ireland; in what year I do not recollect. I came into this country in the year 1769.

Question 2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer I have not.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Falmouth at the time when I entered into the minute service. I have lived in Georgetown now in the District of Columbia in Alexandria & Culpeper in the State of Virginia & thence removed to where I now live in the County of Fauquier.

Question. How were you called into service. Were you drafted. Did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

Answer. I volunteered in the minute service but in the other cases stated in my Declaration I was drafted I was a substitute for no person.

Question. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. While at Dangerfield's Major R Johnson was our Major General George Weedon & Colonel Mercer were frequently in our camp whether they had any command I do not know. Major Hord went with us to Marlborough also Captain Mountjoy Colonel Phillips & Colonel Garrett this last was our commanding officer. Captain W Washington was with us who afterwards went to the South in the cavalry

Question. Did you ever receive a discharge &c

An. I never did receive a discharge

S/ Phil Merry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip Merry". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[William Palmer and John Palmer gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid Philip Merry who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grade.

I served in the minute service as a common soldier 7 months & 7 days under Captain Buchanan. I served as a common soldier in the militia under Lieutenant Vowles & Captain Kendall 21 days I served as a common soldier in the militia under Captain Carey 3 months. I am certain I served this length of time. My recollection is that I served upon the whole more than 12 months.

During the time I was in the minute service, Major R Johnson of Caroline County Virginia was our Major General Weedon & Colonel Mercer were frequently in our camp whether they had any command I do not recollect.

In my first campaign as a militia man Major Hord was our field officer Colonel Garrett appeared to be our commander. During this last campaign I served under Colonel Taliaferro. And for these services I claim a pension.

S/ Phil Merry

Given under my hand this 20th of January 1832 [sic, 1833?].

S/ J. A. Marshall

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This Day Wm Pattie¹ appeared personally before me J. A. Marshall a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that I am acquainted with Philip Merry an applicant for a pension from the United States. I am in my seventy second year. I know that the aforesaid Philip Merry served in the minute service at Hampton was there I believe three months & further this Deponent saith not.

¹ [William Pattie S10252](#)

S/ Wm Pattie, Senr.



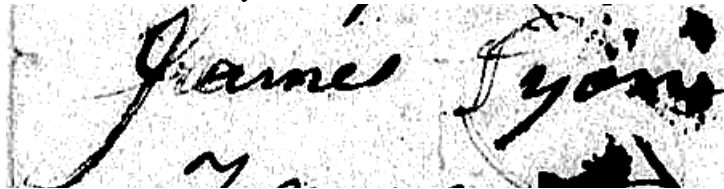
Given under my hand this 22nd of August 1833
J. A. Marshall, JP

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This is to certify that I James Lyon² served in the Revolutionary Army & knew that Philip Merry was a minute man in the company commanded by Andrew Buchanan which marched from Falmouth Stafford County in the year __ afterwards that he served as a militia man in the company commanded by Edward Carey which also marched from Falmouth Stafford County and was at the siege of York –

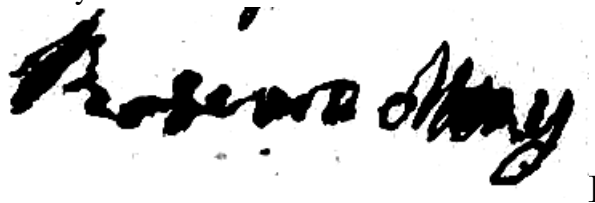
As witness my hand & seal this 9th day of May 1829.

S/ James Lyon



[p 5: On September 23, 1839 in Fauquier County Virginia, Rose Merry, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Merry who died September 6, 1837; that at the time of his death he was in receipt of a pension of \$36.44 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she was married to him by the Reverend John Shackelford in King George County December 20, 1789.]

[p 15: on April 24, 1843 in Fauquier County Virginia, the widow, 79, filed for the renewal of her pension; at that time she was living in the house of her nephew Samuel Whorton in Fauquier County.



[p 4: Certificate dated September 3, 1839 from the clerk of court of King George County Virginia that records in his office show that Philip Merry and Rosey Wharton were married in King George County January 1, 1790 pursuant to a license issued by John Skinker Esq.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months and 28 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

² FPA S38159