

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Helphinstine (Helphenstine) W8930 Rebecca Helphinstine f56VA

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Virginia Sc

On this 2nd day of November 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of the State aforesaid personally appeared Philip Helvestine [sic] aged 66 resident in Fleming County State of Kentucky who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" that he the said Helvestine enlisted in the commencement of the year 1775 at Winchester Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Morgan Alexander 2nd Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colonel afterwards General Woodford [William Woodford] of the said State & on Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps and in the 8th Virginia Regiment and in the service of the United States until 28th of September 1782 when he was discharged from service at Crompon State of Massachusetts being then in the staff attached to the French Army – was in the Battles of the great bridge [December 9, 1775], siege of Charleston¹ & various skirmishes and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his Country's support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services but the discharge an affidavit enclosed. Sworn to and declared before me the day & year first above written.

S/ H. Holmes

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State of Kentucky Sct.

On this 8th day of March 1820 personally appeared Philip Helphinstine before the undersigned Judge of the Fleming Circuit Court who being aged 66 years and resident in Fleming County in the State aforesaid and being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war. That he the said Philip Helphinstine enlisted for the term of one year in a company commanded by Captain Morgan Alexander about the month of October 1775 at Winchester Virginia, who was attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colonel afterwards General Woodford of the said State and on Continental

¹ Either the first siege of Charleston South Carolina in the summer of 1776 or the siege in the spring of 1780 in which the city of Charleston was taken by the British with the surrender of the Army under the command of General Benjamin Lincoln on May 12, 1780.

establishment. That he served in said company until the month of May 1776 at which time the 8th Virginia Regiment was raised commanded by Colonel Mulenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg], also upon Continental establishment. That his father Peter Helphinstine was a major in said Regiment and being desirous to have the said deponent with him his said father hired a man in his place to serve out the balance of his time in said Morgan's company; and he then enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Jonathan Clarke in the Town of Suffolk in Virginia which company was attached to the said 8th Regiment. That he served out the full term of his said last enlistment and was honorably discharged about the month of November in the Town of Winchester Virginia in the year 1777. That after his discharge he served in several tours with the militia in 1771 [sic] and 1781, in which year, after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] he was appointed conductor in the French Army and served in that capacity until the 28th of September 1782 on which day he received his discharge which is hereto annexed, but is not able to annex his first discharge having lost it. He was in the battles of the great bridge, in Virginia, and at the attack on Fort Moultrie South Carolina, and various skirmishes. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for a support. And that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services but the discharge an affidavit enclosed. Sworn to and declared before me the date above.

S/ A. Beatty

State of Kentucky, Sct.

On this fifth day of June 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record, expressly made so by the laws of the State creating it and for the circuit composed of the County of Fleming, Philip Helphinstine aged about 67 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Philip Helphinstine enlisted for the term of one year in the month of October 1775 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Morgan Alexander in the 2nd Regiment Commanded by Colonel Woodford in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until the month of May 1776 at which time the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] was raised, also upon Continental establishment, that by reasons set forth in his original declaration which accompany this schedule, he was authorized to leave the 2nd Regiment to join the 8th Regiment, which he did, and enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Jonathan Clarke in the town of Suffolk in the State of Virginia, which company was attached to said 8th Regiment, and in which he continued to serve faithfully as a soldier from May 1776 until the month of November in the year 1777 at which time he was honorably discharged in the town of Winchester Virginia. That he served in the militia at other times as set forth in his original declaration, and that he fought in the battle of the Great Bridge in Virginia and the attack on Fort Moultrie in the State of South Carolina [June, 1776], and various other skirmishes; and that he has no other evidence now in his possession than that of his own oath, that of the Marquis Calmes [Marquis Calmes]² who was a Lieutenant in Captain Alexander's Company under whom this deponent served, and that of John Kercheval's³ which will accompany the original declaration and this Schedule. –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident

² [Marquis Calmes S12674](#)

³ [John Kercheval W3023](#)

Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Two Cows & calf worth \$16 one heifer \$2.50	\$18.50
Six Shoats worth \$4.50 – one kettle \$2	6.50
Two pots, one broke, worth \$2 – 6 old chairs \$1.25	3.25
One Table worth one dollar 25, one dish, 3 pewter plates & 3 delph plates	2.25
Some old knives and forks & tin cups & saucers worth	1.50
One ax worth \$1.50, one mattock \$1.50	3.00
Two hoes worth one dollar, one Bucket & one pale worth \$.50	1.50
One shoemakers bench in some tools worth	<u>2.00</u>
	\$38.50

The said Philip Helphinstine further states that he is a Shoemaker of the common kind by profession; that he possesses about such health and strength as may be expected for a man of his age being 67 years old: That his wife Rebecca is about 64 years of age, very sickly and weakly, so as to be scarcely able to get along: and a little Grand-daughter by the name of Rebecca Lewis who lives with us as an assistant to my wife, Eleven years old last March, is all his family and that he the deponent is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country

S/ Philip Helphinstine

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State of Kentucky Fleming County Sct.

John Kercheval states on oath that he was well acquainted with Philip Helphinstine formerly of the Town of Winchester, Frederick County Virginia (& now residing in the County of Fleming and state of Kentucky) that he saw said Philip Helphinstine and conversed with him on the 6th Instant in the Town of Fleming's birth & Fleming County Kentucky and that he the said Philip Helphinstine enlisted in the year 1775 in the Company commanded by Captain Morgan Alexander and marched with the same to join the Regiment to which it belonged, that he has no distinct recollection of having seen the said Philip Helphinstine until a short time after the Battle at German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] near the City of Philadelphia which was in the fall of the year 1777. That at the time this deponent recollects to have seen the said Helphinstine and that he was then attached or belonged to the 8th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded first by Colonel Muhlenberg (afterwards General Muhlenberg) but this deponent does not recollect how long thereafter the said Helphinstine continued in the United States Service; the said 8th Virginia Regiment was raised or the first enlistments was for the term of 2 years and he thinks the first Company in which the said Helphinstine enlisted was for the term of one year.

S/ Jno. Kercheval



[Attested June 8th, 1821]

[p 11: On May 27, 1839 in Fleming County Kentucky, Rebecca Helphinstine, 80 years old, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Helphinstine, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him on June 16, 1776 and that her husband died October 12, 1830 and that she has remained his widow; that she knows of no living person by whom she can prove her marriage but she has a family register in her Bible in her husband's handwriting recording their marriage and the births of their children; that the record shows that her husband married Rebecca Wolf [that being her maiden name] on June 16, 1776 and the births of their 12 children as follows, to wit

John Helphinstine born 8th of July 1777

Sarah born 23 February 1780

Rebecca born 5th August 1782

Lewis born 17th April 1784

Jacob born 31st July 1787

Peter born 11th July 1789

Maryann born 1st August 1791

Philip Henry born 14th of January 1794 [married August 1817 or 1818 to Nancy [illegible]

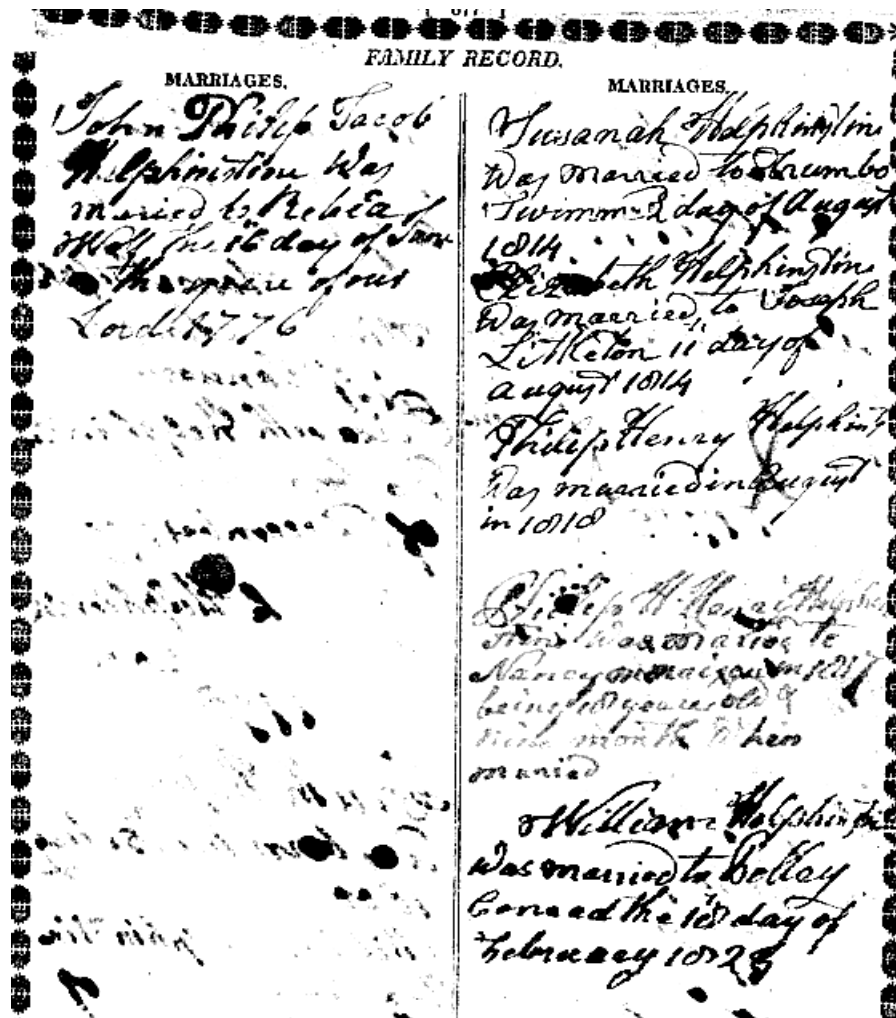
Elizabeth born 18th December 1795 [Married August 11, 1814 to Joseph Littleton]

Susanna born 20 July 1798 married August 2, 1814, to Trumbo Swimm

Ruth born 15th May 1800

William born 7th July 1802 [married February 18, 1823 to Polley Conrad]





[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October the 2nd, 1819 for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831.]