

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Philip Day W915

Mary

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State of Tennessee Smith County Court August Term A.D. 1832

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before John Chambers, William C. Garrison & Solomon Deban [?] Justices of the County Court of Smith, now sitting, Philip Day, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged seventy years old last April, 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 seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States when a citizen of Caswell County & State of North Carolina in the year 1778 on a tour of five months with the Militia from said County. That himself and one Richard Parker of Caswell County was drafted to take the place of two men who were taken sick about the first of the Regiment marching; that they marched from home to Hillsboro and from thence to Purrysburg, or Smokey Camp (which place is not particularly recollected at this distance of time) where we joined the Regiment, then commanded by Col. James Saunders of Caswell County, the other field officers was Major George Moore & Major Thomas Harrison; and was attached to Capt. William White's Company; the Regiment remained in South Carolina until the expiration of our tour of five months: was in no engagement: was discharged in South Carolina, and the discharge was written & signed by Col. Spurlock; The discharge was taken possession of by Richard Parker and put by said Parker in his Pocket Book with his own and Frances Day's, and has not been seen since by the applicant. He further states that William Jones¹ & John Knight² both citizens of Smith County was soldiers & served in the same tour of five months with the applicant, and can testify to the same.

He further states that in the year 1780, there was a call for men to serve a tour of three months in the State of North Carolina; the applicant was then a citizen of Caswell County North Carolina, and volunteered his Services for said tour, and was attached to Capt. Spilmon Coleman's [sic, Spillsby Coleman's] Company and was commanded by Col. Thomas Farmer, and Major Archibald Murfree, and was afterwards joined by Major Sharp of the Continental line. The Regiment rendezvoused as well as recollected at Guilford Court House, and marched from thence to Batys Ford [sic, Beatties Ford] on the Catawba River; was at Beatties Ford at the time of the engagement at Cowan's Ford three miles below, where General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] commanded and was killed by the British in the engagement; Was in a skirmish the same day at the Widow Tarens [sic, Tarrant's or Torrence's], where the American forces had to give way being outnumbered; Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] commanded the British forces at both occasions: marched from thence to Salisbury; was in no other engagement. Was discharged

¹ [William Jones S4442](#)

² [John Knight S1992](#)

in Caswell County verbally. The Capt. being sick no written discharges was given. Knows of no person in this part of the country by whom he can prove his Services this tour.

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.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Pickett, Clk.

S/ Philip Day

[Miles West, a clergyman, and John Knight gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Smith County: This day being the 28th day of August 1832 William Jones & John Knight Citizens of the County of Smith personally appeared in open court, and being first duly sworn, according to law, states that they was in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war in the tour of five months with Philip Day and spoken of by him in the within declaration, and that from their acquaintance with him since have no hesitation in saying that they believe that he served the whole time, as specified, in the within declaration.

Sworn to, and subscribed, in open court, the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Court 28th of August 1832

S/ J. Pickett, Clk

S/ John Knight

S/ William Jones

State of Tennessee Smith County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County August Term 1833

This day personally appeared in open court & by way of amendment to his declaration for a pension under the act of Congress passed the 7 day of June 1832 Says that in answer to the "Brief objections to the admission of his pension Claim" accompanying his original declaration sent back from the war department showing that the 1 & 2 interrogatories prescribed by the war department had not in his said original declaration been fully answered, he says in answer to said interrogatories -- that he the said applicant has the record of his age set down in his family Bible & that the same is in his own possession at home.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 26th day of August 1833

S/ Philip Day

[fn pp. 11-14: family record exactly as written]

Philip Day he married Mary Douglass March the 21st 1793

Sarah Day 1 Daughter born January 13th 1794

Thomas B. Day 1 Son born April the 11th 1795

Jeney Day 2 Daughter born December the 5th 1796

Bhethalum Day 3 Daughter born April the 26th 1798

John D. Day 2 Son born February third 1800

Henry Day 3 Son Born November the 1th 1801

William Day 4 Son born August the 27th 1803

Mary Day 4 Daughter born August 27th 1805

Franky Day 5 Daughter born August the 13th 1807

Franklin B. Day 5 Son born July fifth and 1809

F. Philip Day 6 Son born August the 18th 1811

Philip Day was born April the 16th 1762 and married Marched the 21st two Mary Douglass a daughter of John Douglas on hico [Hyc Creek] in person County State of North Carolina being both born and raised in the same County my wife was born May the 17th 1772 on Sunday

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Samuel Day

[fn p. 21: of September 10, 1838 in Smith County Tennessee, Mary Day, 66, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Day, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him March 21, 1793; that her husband died September 9, 1834; that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 22: of September 10, 1838 in Smith County Tennessee, Janett McMurray, 67, gave testimony that she is the sister of Mrs. Day, the applicant for a pension; that she recollects of the marriage of her sister Mary Douglass to Philip Day at her father's house, they being married by her uncle Benjamin Douglass a justice of the peace in Person County.]