

NOTES:

Lt. Col. William Washington's 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons was in South Carolina throughout 1781 and did not serve at the siege of Yorktown. The 1st Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons under Col. Anthony Walton White did serve at the siege of Yorktown under the command of the French General Armand-Louis de Gontaut, duc de Lauzun. It is unlikely, however, that the French troops under Lauzun were attached to any American regiment. I could find no record of a Capt. Eslang or Erlang. The Pension Office generally did not grant pensions to foreign soldiers unless they served under American officers.

In his own pension application (W8313), Francis Adams mentioned that he was in the regiment commanded by Lauzun. Adams also stated that he arrived in America with Rochambeau, who landed at Newport RI on 11 July 1780.

On 18 Nov 1834 Sarah Philips of Floyd County IN and formerly of Clarke County IN certified that she was the widow of George Philips.

The file includes the following letter:

Chillicothe Mo./ March 15th 1876.

Hon. Third Auditor of the Treasury/ Washington D.C.

Sir, The heirs of a Soldier of the War of 1812, George Phillips, who volunteered & served with the Reg't. commanded by Col R. M. Johnston, Ky Volunteers, the Soldier was thrown from his horse, producing a rupture. he was granted Invalid pension, and obtained said pay untill 18th of July 1834 when he died, in Floyd Co Indiana, aged 77 years. Said George Phillips came from France with Genl LaFayette in 1780 and served in the Revolutionary War.

His heirs requestes any information, the Rolls of the War of 1812 will furnish, or his declaration made to obtain Pension, as to the place of his birth in France, or his residence at the time of his Enlistment in France with Genl LaFayette for American Service. George Phillips never returned to France, He lived for a time in Amherst County Virginia. In 1812 he located in Mercer County Ky – in 1812 he Col[?] in the Regt with Col Johnston as aforesaid, and died in 1834 in Floyd Co. Ind. He owned a valuable property in France. Its location to his heirs (Grandchildren) is unknown, his Father Mother family were dead when he left France. He married Sarah Bloom in Ky. They had one daughter (only child) America Phillips. She married William Davis. All of the above named are dead. The person requesting information from you is one of the Davis family and Grand Daughter of the Old Soldier of the Revolution, and of the War of 1812. Please direct your answer to W. D. McBride, Chillicothe Livingston County Missouri

Very Respectfully, Mary Davis

There is also a letter from James A. Davis who referred to his grandfather as George Nicholas Phillips who married Sarah Floyd.

A note by W. D. McBride dated 28 Oct 1875 states that George N. Philips had been a stone mason and had lived in Rockingham County VA for some years, and that Sarah Philips had died in Putnam County IN in 1870.