State of Kentucky }  
Mercer County }  
On this 13th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before me a Justice and Judge of the county court of Mercer (a court of record) George Philips aged 75 years 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 the 7th June 1832. Viz. I George Philips state that I am now seventy five years of age and a resident citizen of the Unites States in the revolutionary war and in July 1780, I Enlisted as a soldier in the revolutionary war during the war and was attached to the company of Capt Eslang and in May 1781 I was marched from the White Plains to Philadelphia & Alexandria and attached to Col Washingtons Regiment of Horse and then marched to Little York where I aided in capturing Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781; see endnote], and after he was taken we marched to Charlotte court house where we were stationed until the war ended and where I resided and in Amherst county after the war closed until the year 1812 when I moved to Kentucky and settled in Mercer county and next year volunteered in Col Robert Johnsons Regiment and marched to Canada. I farther state that I served as a faithful soldier until the war of the Revolution ended and I have long since lost my discharges having served out my time. I farther state that while I was in Col Robert Johnson’s Regiment in 1813 in Capt Robert B McAfee’s company in pursuit of Gen’l Proctors army on the 4th day of October in s’d year I was thrown from my horse which produced a [undeciphered word] injury in the rim of my belly which has since worsened until a rupture has taken place which totally disables me from labor so that I can not support myself which was received while in the service of the United States. I farther relinquish all claim I may have upon the United States for any pension or annuity which I may have, except the Present and I am not a pensioner of the U States or of any state  Witness my hand this 13th day of August. 

George hisXmark Philips

Mercer County Vizt.) This day personally appeared before me a Justice and Judge of the county court of Mercer County Francis Adams [pension application W8313; see endnote] a resident of s’d county and made oath as follows Vizt I Francis Adams being duly sworn state That I am now in the 81st year of my age, and very infirm so that I cannot conveniently attend court. That I am well acquainted with The above George Philips and have been before and since the revolutionary war. we entered the Army of the Revolution together in July 1780 and were attached to the same company and served in Col Washingtons Light Dragoons being attached to the same in Capt. Erlangs company and aided in capturing Lord Cornwallis and continued in service until the war Ended. The s’d Philips was a faithful soldier as I knew him well the whole time. In May 1781 we marched from the White Plains to Philadelphia, Baltimore & Alexandria and then to Little York where we captured Cornwallis and then after his capture to Charlotte court house where we were stationed until the war ended and I was discharged. Witness my hand this 13th day of August 1832  

Francis hisXmark Adams

State of Kentucky }  
Mercer County }  
We the undersigned two Practising Physicians of the Town of Harrodsburgh do hereby certify that we have this day examined George Philips an old revolutionary soldier, also a soldier of Col Robert Johnsons regiment in Capt R B. Mcafees company in the late war, and find that he has a rupture or Hernia in the rim of the abdomen which seems to be of long standing and also his right thigh seems to be wilting away which he states was occasioned by the fall from his horse while in s’d regiment This rupture and injury we consider as producing an entire disability and in our opinion we believe that he ought to be entitled to a full pension as we do not believe that he will at his age again be able to labor sufficient for his support. Given under our hands this 14th August 1832 –  

[signed] Wm Pawling  J. Addison Thompson
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.