

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Philips: S31908

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State of Kentucky        }  
Mercer County            }        On this 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 attatched to the company of Capt Eslang and in May  
1781 I was marched from the White Plains to Philadelphia & Alexandria and attatched to Col  
Washingtons [William Washington's] Regiment of Horse and then marched to Little York where I  
aided in capturing Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of October in s'd year I was thrown from my horse which  
produced a slight 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 [two  
illegible words] and which in the service of the Unites 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 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 81<sup>st</sup> 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 attatched to the same company and served in Col  
Washingtons Light Dragoons being attatched 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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  
14<sup>th</sup> August 1832 -                               [signed] Wm Pawling   J. Addison Thompson

NOTES:

In his own pension application (W8313), Francis Adams mentioned that he was in the regiment commanded by Armand-Louis de Gontaut, duc de Lauzun.

The file includes the following letter:

Chillicothe Mo.  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 until 18<sup>th</sup> 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, another one of four heirs, who referred to his grandfather as George Nicholas Phillips.