

Pension Application for David Phillips

W.4051 (Widow: Nancy)
District of New Jersey
County of Sussex SS

On this seventh day of April AD one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County personally appeared David Phillips aged about sixty years resident in New Jersey Sussex County aforesaid who being by me 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 David Phillips inlisted as Musician in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven (the month not recollected) at Fort Montgomery in the State of New York under Captain Rozecraanse attached to the s'd Regiment of foot Col'n Dubois under Genl James Clinton, and upon the expiration of the said term he again inlisted for and during the war as Musician in the Company of Captain Vandeburg at Morristown New Jersey which company was attached to the 2d Regiment of foot New York line Col'n Phillip Courtland under the command of the said Genl James Clinton and served therein until the close of the war at which time he was regularly discharged, that he the said Deponent has it not now in his power to produce his said discharge, nor has he any evidence now in his power of his said services, that he was present at the taking of Fort Montgomery which took place in the month of October 1777—and in the engagements on the Genesee flats under Genl. Sullivan the said deponent was likewise at the battle of York Town Virginia when Lord Cornwallis was taken, that he the said deponent is o now in reduced circumstances and prays the aid of his country. (Signed with his mark) David Phillips

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid. Walter L. Shee

Letter in folder dated September 28, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of David Phillips, born in Fishkill, served as drummer in Captain James Rosekran's company, Colonel Lewis DuBois' New York Regiment, and died in Newburgh, also, the War of 1812 record of Abraham Phillips, born in Newburgh, New York, April 4, 1796, married (1st) in 1820, Betsy Swarthout who was born in 1794 and died May 2, 1846, then married (2nd) Sarah Tompkins, and (3rd) Elizabeth Aurelis Barrell, October 3, 1855, in Newfane, Niagara County, New York who died January 2, 1884.

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 data furnished by this office are obtained from claim for pension made to the United States based upon military service of soldiers in those wars.

A careful search of the War of 1812 records of this office fails to show a claim for pension on file on account of service in that war of the Abraham Phillips as described by you. The record of a David Phillips, with service as described by you,

was found and is given herein as show in in the papers on file in pension claim, W.4051, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not given.

David Phillips enlisted at Fort Montgomery, New York, in 1777, served three years as drummer in Captain Rosekran's company, Colonel Lewis DuBois' New York regiment, was present at the taking of Fort Montgomery, and in an engagement at Genesee Flats under Sullivan. Upon the expiration of this service, he reenlisted at Morristown, New Jersey, for the remainder of the war, served as drummer in Captain Vanderburgh's company Colonel Philip VanCortland's 2nd New York Regiment and was in the battle of Yorktown.

David Phillips was allowed pension on his application executed April 7, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty years and a resident of Sussex County, New Jersey. In 1820 he was residing in Hardyston Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

The soldier died March 26, 1838, in Sussex County, New Jersey.

David Phillips married March 1, 1790, Nancy Rose; they were both residents of Sussex County, New Jersey.

Soldier's widow, Nancy Phillips, was allowed pension on her application executed May 28, 1839, at which time she was aged sixty-six years and a resident of Hardyston Township, New Jersey.

In 1840, Nancy Phillips' post office was Newfoundland, New Jersey; on January 23, 1843, she was living in the Township of West Milford, Passaic County, New Jersey, while in September, of the same year, she again gave as her place of residence, Township of Hardyston, with post office at Stockholm, both in Sussex County, New Jersey; in 1848 she gave as her place of residence, West Milford, Passaic County, New Jersey. He died September 8, 1851, in Passaic County, New Jersey.

The following children of David Phillips and his wife, Nancy, survived their mother:

Margaret, born March 1, 1791, who in 1840 was the widow of Elijah Curtis, and in 1852 was a resident of Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey, and then known as Margaret Ayers (given name of another husband not stated).

Sally or Sarah Brown, who in 1820 was aged eleven years and in 1852 residing in Hardyston, New Jersey (given name of husband not shown).

Jane Comings, who in 1820 was aged ten years and in 1852 residing in Manchester, Passaic County, New Jersey (Given name of husband not shown).

Julia Helmes, in 1820, aged eight years and in 1852 residing in Hardyston, New Jersey, (her husband's name not stated).

Lucretia Boyd, in 1852 a resident of Vernon, Sussex County, New Jersey (husband's given name not shown), and her age not stated.

Elizabeth Angle, in 1852 residing in New Milford, Passaic County, New Jersey; her age and given name of husband not shown.

A son David was living in 1820, aged five years; no reference was made to his death.

In 1839, one Elizabeth Marcell or Marell made affidavit in Morris County, New Jersey, that soldier's wife, Nancy, at the time of her marriage was living with her in Sussex County, New Jersey; she did not state any relationship.