

Pension Application for Eli Phillips

S.22935

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County Eli Philips of Haverstraw in said County aged 83 years and personally well known in said county and to the subscriber as a man of truth and good standing who being duly sworn saith that he is the same Eli Philips who on the 28th day of November 1832 before the court then sitting made a Declaration under oath of his Revolutionary Services in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832.

That at the time when his said Declaration was made out, he was not sufficiently aware of the necessity of specifying immediately the details of each & every tour of service he performed and that such was the pressure of business then before the Court from a great number of persons applying that too little time and reflection were allowed, to take in writing a recital of all the tours and services done throughout the various periods of the Revolutionary War, and especially the various marches & counter marches of the Militia & State Troops when ordered into service.

This deponent has same making said declaration, bestowed more thoughts and reflection on the subject, has endeavoured to refresh his memory with the history of the times & desirous that the Secretary of War and commission of pensions will receive this, as his amended declaration intended to set forth more specifically & more in detail the Revolutionary service performed by him.

As to the Interrogatories, he the deponent was questioned in open court on the 28th day of November 1832 and answered by him that he was born at Philips Patent in the County of Weschester [Westchester] and State of New York the record of his age is recorded in his father's family Bible as appears from a copy taken from the same now in the deponent's possession.

In his first Declaration it is stated that he entered the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1777 and served untill about the first of August following which statement is incorrect and eronious [erroneous] (being old and on the eve of life, his memory fails him which is the [?] of the eror [error] it should have read as follows, That he entered the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution under the following named officers.

In the month of July 1776 he volunteered for nine month[s] under Capt. Richard Acker (Denek? Or Richard Signifys the same name) in a regiment commanded by Col. A. Hawks Hay at Haverstraw now County of Rockland and State of New York from which place (Haverstraw) they – Deponent with the company were marched to Stony Point Nyack, and to Closter in the County Bergen guarding the shores and landing places when & where necessity required, the British had free access on the North River with their man of wars who often would send out their row gallies and land their men on short to plunder and distress the Inhabitants Served the time and was honorable [honorably] discharged in the month of April 1777 at Clarkstown in the now county of Rockland.

In the year 1777 in addition to my services stated in my first declaration he now recollect[s] that he served one year by enlistment commencing in April of the same year under Capt. William Slow in a Regiment commanded by Col. Udney Hay then stationed at Stony Point at which place the deponent with the company remained doing guard duty untill sometime in October when the British Army took possession of the said Stony Point the deponent with the company then went to fort Montgomery here we were stationed for sometime doing duty from which place we went to West Point and from thence to Fishkill where we remained untill the British Army let it and returned to the City of New York at which time the deponent with the company returned to their former station (Stony Point) where he with the company remained on duty untill sometime in April 1778 when and where he was Honorable Discharged which service he hopes to prove by some of his surviving fellow soldiers.

He then was classed as stated in his first Declaration and served as follows viz one month believes it was in the month of May 1778 when he was ordered out under Capt. John Garner then stationed at Haverstraw where the deponent with the company remained a short time doing guard duty from which place they were marched to Clarkstown here the department remained until the expiration of his month service, performing guard duty when he was discharged.

In the month of Sept or October he was again ordered out for one month under the above named Captain John Garner then Stationed at a place called Tappan Town here the deponent entered the company then under arms performing guard duty whilst stationed at Tappan Town the company at one time was marched to the Liberty Pole in the County of Bergen to perform guard duty from which place they were marched to Clarkstown in the County of Rockland here he remained a few days when & where he was discharged.

In the month of April 1779 he was ordered out for one month under Capt John Garner stationed at Haverstraw in the now county of Rockland here we were stationed performing guard duty the British had possession of Stony Point during the time whose men would often Sally out to plunder and distress the Inhabitants served the time and was dischared [discharged] at the place of enrollment.

In the month of August as near as he can recollect the deponent was again ordered out for one month in the year above mentioned then stationed at Nyack from there he was marched to Haverstraw and Clarkstown performing guard duty, the British had possession of Stony Point, served the time and was Discharged, this last mentioned service was performed under the above named Capt John Garner under whom he served to the end of the war guarding along the west side of the north river from the liberty pole in the county of Bergen to Haverstraw in the now county of Rockland. Col. A. Hawks Hay commanded the regiment of which this company was a part.

In the foregoing recital of his Revolutionary Services, this deponent has stated none but such as he consciously knows he actually performed.

He has faithfully endeavoured to adhere conscientiously to the truth in all the events and occurrences of which he has spoken, and is fully satisfied that he ahs

faithfully served his country in the war of the Revolution for the full period of Twenty five months being in actual service in the field and garrison for each term of aledged for which claims a pension from the United States under the Law of Congress of June 7, 1832, land was not employed in any civil pursuit during the above mentioned services, land does not know of any more living witnesses who he can be procure to testify to his service than now annexed to his amended Declaration. (Signed) Eli Phillips

Sworn to and subscribed before me this third day of December 1833. D. S. Allison, Justice