Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Philip Courtney VAS3159

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[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

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Philip Courtney's Pay as an Ensign amounted to 138. 6.6 d'o his pay as Segeant 60.19.3

£199. 5.9

Certified J Southall

The foregoing is a Copy of a Certificate filed in a suit lately depending in the County Court of King & Queen between Philip Courtney Plaintiff and Richard Brooke Defendant

Teste Ro. Pollard C.C./ Nov'r 4th 1797

Henrico County to wit.

This day John Longest [R6433] of the County aforesaid came before me a justice of the peace for the aforesaid county and made oath that Philip Courtney of the County of King and Queen entered in the service of the United States in the first regiment in the Virginia Continental line in the late war between Great Britain & this Country some time in the year 1775 & as well as this deponent recollects in the month of September and continued therein till some time in the year 177[illegible] at which time he returned home and never returned to the said Regiment as this deponent verily believes the cause of which this deponent believes might have been from a wound or wounds he received while in the said Service one of which this deponent being present when he received it & this deponent further sayeth that he was well acquainted with the said Courtney while he was in such service & have been acquainted with him ever since Given under my hand 12th March 1806 [signed] Dan L Hylton

I do hereby Certify, that Philip Courtney, Served as a Sergeant in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, that he was afterward promoted to the Rank of an Ensign, and was Wounded while in the Service of the United State Army – that he formerly resided in the County of King & Queen & from the information I have received, lives there at this time. Given under my hand, at Richmond, this 14th March 1806.

Arch'd Denholm [Archibald Denholm]

late a Captain in the first Virg'a Reg't on Cont'l Establishm't

I do hereby certify that there was a man by the name of philip Courtney in the first Virginia Regiment in the Service of the united States

Given under my hand this 14th of March 1806

Joseph Scott [VAS2112] late a Capt in the

NB the above named Courtney Entered into the service in Sep't 1775 Jos. Scott

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

The affidavit of Thomas Courtney of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, taken before me a Justice of the peace for the said County & State aforesaid who being duly sworn saith That he has heard and verily believes his Uncle Philip Courtney enlisted in the War of the Revolution at an early period thereof, as a

private of Infantry in [blank] Company, and he believes was wounded in two instances; and a ball remained in him until the day of his death, after he was wounded he received the commission of Ensign and continued in the service. He perfectly recollects when his Uncle came from York Town after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and he was satisfied he served to the end of the War. given under my hand this 24th February 1840.

Thos Courtney

I James Jones [S5624] of the county of King William and state of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Philip Courtney of King & Queen County who enlisted in the service of the United States under the command of Capt. Jno Sears [sic: John Seayres BLWt1903-450] in the year 1775 and I believe served to the end of the war during which time I know he was wounded in some engagement at the north for I saw him after he was wounded in Philadelphia after which time he was appointed to the office of ensign or Lieutenant. Given under my hand this 17th of Feby 1840.

Jas. hisXmark Jones

The affidavit of Leonard Shackelford [S6085] of King and Queen County now in the 83 year of his age taken before me Tho [undeciphered] a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid being first duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Philip Courtney who enlisted and served in Capt. Sears company one year as Sergeant at which time Sears was promoted [13 Aug 1776] afterwards he reinlisted in Guthridge Crump's [sic: Goodrich Crump] company for three years or during the war, and went to the North and served until the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] where he received a wound in his ancle by a ball or Buckshot. he was during this time and afterwards in the 2nd Regiment on Continental establishment, after he (Courtney) received the wound in the ancle he was promoted to the office of Ensign or Lieutenant, do not remember which and served in that office to the end of the war, and was a gallant and brave man. This affiant saith further that he was well acquainted with Philip Courtney before the war, during the war and afterwards, and further this affiant saith not [21 Oct 1841]

City of Richmond Sct.

This day The Reverend Philip Courtney personally appeared before me an Alderman for the said City and made oath. That he was acquainted with the family of his uncle Philip courtney dec'd a Revolutionary officer who left at his death five children To Wit, Dandridge who is dead, and has left four children. Philip P. Courtney is dead, leaving no child, Christopher is also dead without issue. Rachel who married Henry Johnson is dead leaving three children, all living and Frances who married James Smith has one child living a son who is believed to be under age. Given under my hand this 4th day of November 18[??].

To the Executive of Virginia

The Petition of the Heirs and Representatives of Philip Courtney dec'd an Ensign in the army of the Revolution humbly represents That the said Courtnay served in the Continental army of the Revolution as is stated in the enclosed certificates; which is believed to be conclusive evidence of his services being performed to the end of the war. We now ask, that your Honorable Council may direct the Register of the Land office to issue a Warrant to the said heirs and representatives for the additional bounty land due an officer of his grade who served to the end of the war, and has only received a warrant for three years services.

Daniel P Johnson/ Legal Represente of/ Philip courtney Dec'd

Richmond 3^d November 1843

Sir. Philip Courtney deceased left five children namely Dandridge his oldest son is dead, and left four children. his wife is also dead. Christopher another son dead intestate without being ever married. Philip P.

Courtney a son is dead, without issue but being indebted to Daniel P. Johnson made a full power of Attorney to act for him to the said Johnson. Rachel Courtney a daugter of the said Philip intermarried with Henry Johnson, who had three children by him all of whom are allive, and Frances his other child, a daughter intermarried with James Smith who left one Child a son, who is living. Smith and his wife are both dead, their son is under age and Daniel P. Johnson Administrator upon their estate, he consequently represents two parts of the [illegible] for additional bounty land which [several undeciphered words] to grant to the heirs and legal representatives of Philip Courtney dec'd Henry Johnson is entitled to one of the remaining parts and [undeciphered word] himself the part belonging to he heirs of Dandridge Courtney Dec'd will be given them

We are very Respectfully/ Your Most Ob't Servants

Henry Johnson and Daniel P. Johnson/ legal representatives of

Enclosed you will receive all the Philip Courtney deceased

necessary papers in the case.

NOTE: According to F. B. Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution*, Philip Courtney became an Ensign on 4 July 1779 and resigned on 11 Feb 1781. At the siege of Yorktown he may have been a volunteer or militiaman. The Revolutionary War did not officially end until November 1783.