

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Huston S39741

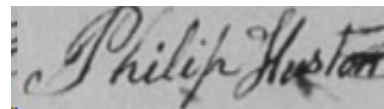
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[On 23 MARCH 1812 Philip Huston made a statement similar to the following.]

I Philip Huston of Washington County in the State of Pennsylvania do swear by Almighty God the searcher of hearts, that I served in the revolutionary war against the common enemy from the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty till the end of the war. I enlisted in the Extra or State regiment which was raised in the State of Maryland in the Spring and Summer of of the year 1780. From Kent County in the state where I was enlisted, I was marched to join the regiment at Annapolis under the command of Colonel Smith and attached to Captain Golders [Archibald Golder, pension application W9453] company as a Drummer. We marched from Annapolis to Carolina and some time after Gates's defeat [Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] joined General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army. After continuing there some time the regiment was broke to fill up vacancies and the officers returned home as Supernumerary; they being allowed waiters, I came as such with Captain Golder and Lieutenant Plant to Annapolis. At that place I joined a regiment commanded by colonel [Peter] Adams and was attached to Captain Reveller's [sic: Francis Reveley's or Francis Revelly's] company. We marched from Annapolis to Yorktown in Virginia and were there until the capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], after which we marched to the South and joined the army under Gen. Green again. I continued in the army in the southern department till we arrived at Ashley hills on Ashley river was there for some time, when a detachment from the Maryland line was ordered to march for the State of Maryland under the command of Major Oxburgh [sic: Alexander Roxburgh] and I was ordered on duty with the detachments as drummer. When we arrived at Annapolis we were ordered to march to Frederick town to do garrison duty over the Hessians [prisoners] where we continued till the peace. At that place I was discharged about the twelfth day of August A.D. 1780 having served faithfully from the time of my enlistment till the end of the war. After the war being in want of something for my support, I was advised to send my discharge to Annapolis to try to get something upon it. Accordingly I sent it by one James McDonald who received about thirty dollars upon it from a merchant by the name of James Williams or Williamson, which was to be repaid to him when the certificate of soldiers pay should be given out. This man Williamson received the whole of my final settlement and retained my discharge in his possession. I called afterwards upon him but he refused to give me anything more than the thirty dollars I had already received; he however made me a present of a black silk handkerchief, and made me sign a receipt in full. I am therefore unable to send my discharge agreeably to the requisition of the department of war. During the late war being yet a tolerably stout man and feeling a disposition to serve my country as far as lay in my power, I enlisted with Captain Thery[?] of the 22<sup>d</sup> Reg't U. S. Infantry commanded by Col. Hugh Brady for five years from the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June A.D. 1812. In that regiment I served till the first day of February A.D. 1816 when I was honourably discharged at Sackets harbour in consequence of old age and rheumatish as is expressed in my discharge. On my return home my feet were frostbitten in such a manner that I lost the larger toe and the one next to it of my left foot and am much disabled thereby. I am an old man very infirm and unable to work for my living and besides in extreme poverty so that I need the assistance of my country for support.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Twentieth day of May A.D. 1818.



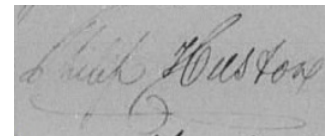
I Certify that it appears by the Commissioners return that Philip Huston late a Drummer in the 2 State Reg't. Is intitled of the Lands Westward of Fort Cumberland to Lot No. 402 Containing 50 acres  
John Kelly Reg L'd office

PENNSYLVANIA.

Washington County, ss.

On this third day of July 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county, Philip Houston aged fifty three years, resident in Buffalie Township in said county, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: upwards of three years, etered the service in Captain Golders company attached to the extra State Regiment, belonging to the maryland line, and commanded by Col. Smith, was afterwards transferred to Captain Rivelers company belonging to Col. Adams Regiment; made my Original Declaration on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818. Certificate is numberd, 13154.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Viz. 1 Cow, 1 chest, 1 table, 1 Cupboard, 4 chairs, 1 Spinning wheel & reel, 1 Pot, 1 Oven, 1 Tea Kettle, 1 looking glass, 1 Set cups and saucers, 1 Set plates, 1 Set knives & forks, 1 Tin bucket, One axe, 1 Old Tub & churn, 1 Bureau, 1 Taylors Iron & Shears, 1 Set knives & forks, 1 Tin Bucket; I have also a Revolutionary land warrant for 100 acres, now of little value; There is due me from sundry persons Sixteen dollars and fifty cents and I am indebted to sundry persons ninety eight Dollars; my family consists of the following persons viz. Wife Mary aged 45 years, unhealthy; daughter Ann 16 years healthy, Son John aged 14 years, unhealthy, daughter Elizabeth 12 years, healthy, Son William aged 10 years healthy. I am by profession a Taylor, but not well able to follow it on account of age and rheumatism; for which I was discharged from the Army during the late war, by order of General Browne – having served three years some months and ten days – I was dishcarged at Sacketts harbour on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb'y 1816 and in consequence was so severely frost bitten as to loose two toes of my left foot, on which account I am not able to walk without great pain – I lay in consequence four months after my arrival at home under the Doctor's hands, and became very much involid and would have suffered had it not been for the kindness of our neighbors who releived us in our distress.

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Philip Houston". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.