## **Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Benjamin Phipps (Phips) W5539 Jean Phipps f60SC/VA
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[p 7] State of Virginia, Grayson County} SS

On the 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Grayson County now sitting, Benjamin Phipps, a resident of Grayson County in the State of Virginia aged 70 years, who being first duly sworn in according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States after the happening of the following circumstances. He was living at the house of Capt. John Cox on New River in Montgomery County Virginia, now Grayson County Va, about the year 1779 or 80 engaged in making a crop of corn, when Col Roberts at the head of a company of Tories, came there and made prisoners of himself, William Craig & Beverly Watkins, then said Tories took the declarant and carried him to the British army commanded by Lord Roden or Rawdon. He remained with the said army, sick, at the time of the Battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780], and when the said army marched toward Camden in South Carolina in order to give battle to Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates: Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] he run off from the British, and was making towards the residence of some of his relations in South Carolina when he fell in with a party of Ferguson's [Patrick Ferguson's] army who took him back and kept him a prisoner until they arrived with him at head quarters, very shortly afterwards he again made his escape and succeeded in getting to his relations in South Carolina and stayed there some time, while there he entered the American service as a volunteer under the command of Capt Anderson Thomas & Lieutenant Gullion, and while under these officers he made two or three excursions to the Congaree River, the dutch fork and to Orangeburg, but was not in any battle during the time. The company in which the declarant was, chased a party of the enemy into their entrenchments at Orangeburg South Carolina but did not attack them there. In the mean time a company of American horses came into the neighborhood and then declarant discovered that his horse was among them. He proved his property and the horse was given up. Capt Thomas then mounted him and went with the Company of horse, as he said, to the high hills of Santee & Moncks Corner in order to intercept a company of the enemy who were in that neighborhood, and the declarant was ordered by his Capt to go with the rest of the company under Lieutenant Gullion and guard the boats on broad river [sic, Broad River] in order to keep the enemy from crossing the river at that point. The declarant does not now recollect the length of time that he was in the Southern service, but he thinks it was not less than 6 months, and some part of that time he was under Col. Washington [William Washington], and was upon one occasion employed in swimming his horses across the Congaree river some little time before the engagement with Tarleton.

After this the declarant returned to New river in Grayson County after an absence of

about 3 years, as near as can now be recollected. He afterwards was in an excursion against the Tories in the mountains, under James Cox, who acted as Capt in place of his father, Capt John Cox, who was then absent on a tour against the Indians. In this excursion they came up with the Tories, killed & wounded the whole party, except one who was the brother of Green, their Commander & who afterwards joined the American Army as a regular soldier.

The declarant will not say how long he was engaged in the United States service, in the whole for fear he might err as to the precise time, but he is confident it was not less than six months. The Declarant was born in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1761 or 2 as he believes but has no record of his age. He was in South Carolina when he entered the service, and since the revolutionary war he has lived in Grayson County Va. where he now lives.

He has no documentary evidence to prove his services and never received any discharge from the services. He is known to James Cox a contemporary survivor and to Lewis Hail & Stephen Hail who can testify to his character for veracity and as to their belief of his services in the Revolutionary War. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the Present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to, and subscribed, this day & year aforesaid.

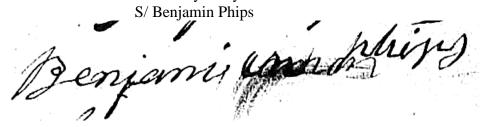
S/ Benjamin Phipps, X his mark

[Stephen Hail, a clergyman, and Lewis Hail gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Grayson County, now sitting, Benjamin Phipps, an Applicant for a Pension under the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, and, being first duly Sworn According to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following Amendment to his Original declaration made in this Court on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 as aforesaid; that he has no documentary evidence of his Services, and knows of no individual now living by whom he can prove the fact, and believes that such evidence cannot be procured at this day.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



[p 12: On July 5, 1844 in Grayson County Virginia, Jean Phips, 79, made application for a widows pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Phipps a pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him on July 5, 1782; that they were married by Robert Baker, Magistrate,; that her husband died May 3rd, 183[last digit obliterated]<sup>2</sup>; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: On September 2, 1844 in Grayson County Virginia, John Phipps, 56, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Phipps and his wife Jean for 40 years and that they lived

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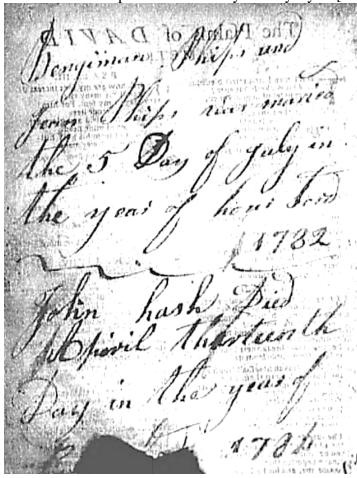
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> James Cox R2412

The war department abstract indicates that this date is May 3, 1838.

together as man and wife. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.

John Phipps

[p 32] Benjamin Phips and Jean Phips was maried the 5 Day of July in the year of hour Lord 1782 John hash Died Apiril thirteenth Day in the yeay of [illegible] 1786 [? last digit unclear]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina and Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]