

Pension Application for John Phillips

S.23844

Letter in folder dated September 16, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.23844, it appears that John Phillips, while a resident of Johnstown, Tryon County (later Montgomery), New York served as a private in the New York Troops as follows.

From the early part of the War at various times in Captain John Davis' Company, Colonel Fisher's (Visscher) Regiment, and was in the battle of Oriskany, length of service not stated.

From early in 1778, one year under Captain Simon or Simeon DeDraffe, in the boat service on the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers.

From the spring of 1781, nine months in Colonel Marinus Willett's regiment.

From the spring of 1782, nine months in Captain Young's Company, Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment.

Soldier married in July or August 1779, near Caughnawaga Village, Johnstown, New York, Yaniche or Jinny Deline. He died in Pamela, Jefferson County, New York, April 15, 1835, aged eighty-three years, and she died there May 20, 1835, aged eighty-one years.

Their children, all alive in 1839 and living in Jefferson County, New York were—Elizabeth, aged fifty-eight years, widow of Chrisitan Cosselman; John, aged fifty-six years; Lewis, aged fifty years; Nancy, aged forty-eight years, wife of Garet Francisco; and Benjamin, aged forty-three years.

In 1844, the pension due their father was allowed the following surviving children—Elizabeth, Cosselman, Lewis, and Benjamin.

In a supporting document, Jacob Shew gave a deposition.

I, Jacob Shew of Northampton, County of Fulton and State of New York do hereby certify that, I was well acquainted with a man by the name of John Phillips during the period of the Revolutionary War, that his place of residence was in the County of Tryon (now Montgomery), in, and near the valley of the Mohawk river, and within the bounds of Colonel Frederick Vischer's or Fisher's regiment of Militia. That he the said John Phillips was enrolled in the Militia of said regiment and was frequently out in Militia service in defense of the country. That it was generally understood & believed to be true that during the season of 1778 the said John Phillips was engaged in the boating service; and that in the year 1781 the said John Phillips was either in Colonel Willett's Regiment or in the Militia service as above stated. That in the year 1782 the said John Phillips was engaged as one for a class of New Levies or nine months men in Capt. Young's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment.

And I further certify that in many instances among the Dutch people, the name of Phillips was called Philipse, Phelpsie, Phelpse, Philipse, Philip, Philips &c. and even by some they were called Phallips. That to either of the above names the said John Phillips above named would answer or reply; and that I have carefully examined the annexed statement, abstracted from books now in the Comptrollers office of this state

and verily believe that the credit there allowed to John Philipse, Phillip, Phillips &c, was paid to the said John Phillips for services rendered by him; also the annexed papers bearing date April 20, 1840, issued from the Pension Office stating that the name of John Phelpse was recorded in Capt DeGraffs company of Boatmen must have reference to the same individual who served as stated in the other annexed paper as above described from the Comptroller's Office.

And I further certify that there was not any man in the County of Tryon by the name of Phelpse or Philipse but that is the dutch [Dutch] of Phillips. (Signed) Jacob Shew

Sworn & subscribed this 25th day of March 1842 before me. Seymore St. John
Judge of Saratoga County Court.