

Anthony PHELPS (1763 - 1859) P-269415

Private, Virginia

Patriot Anthony Phelps was born September 15, 1763, in Buckingham County, Virginia, to Thomas Phelps, Jr. and Lucy Guy Phelps. Though he grew up in Virginia, by 1777 Anthony was living in what would later become the state of Kentucky.

Military service as shown in his pension application:

In October of 1777, Anthony Phelps was a volunteer who enlisted in the militia at Buckingham County, Virginia. First moving along the Holstein river, the unit marched to Boonesboro on the Kentucky River around the end of November. There they erected a fort under the command of Colonel Daniel Boone. After withstanding several Indian attacks in 1778 and into 1779, his company was ordered to move to the falls on the Ohio River to build and garrison a fort. By 1780 Anthony had joined the Company of Captain George Owens. This unit formed part of what was called the Illinois Regiment and was commanded by the Colonel George Rogers Clark. Again moving westward, his unit eventually reached the Mississippi River at the mouth of Mayfield Creek where another fort was erected. They remained as garrison through June of 1781. By July they had returned to the falls on the Ohio and were suffering under Indian attack. In August he mustered out and headed for home. But his rest was to be short. In April of 1782 he was again in service and again at the falls on the Ohio. He would serve under a new commander this time as Captain Owens had been killed by Indians during his absence.

After the war Anthony settled permanently in Kentucky and was married there. His wedding to Nancy Brashear was on December 26, 1793, in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Together they had nine known children together including Susannah, Robert, Liberty, Elizabeth, Sarah, Lavinia, Theodocia, Anthony, and Lucy Ann. Patriot Anthony Phelps died June 30, 1859 in Larue County, Kentucky. His wife, Nancy, was buried beside him just two years later in the Barren Run Church Cemetery in Tanner. Anthony was awarded a pension for his service and the marker at his gravesite reflects his service.

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