

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Pension Claim of Griffin Griffith VAS1708  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[From [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Henry. July 24<sup>th</sup> 1786

I do hereby Certify that before his Excellency the Governors last letter concerning Pensioners came to hand, the Court of the said County Ordered that I should Certify to his Excellency the Governor & Council that it was their Opinion, that Griffith Griffith Ought to be continued on the Pension list. Given und my hand the day & date above mentioned.

There is no other Pensioner in the said county but the named Griffith Griffith      John Cox C.H.C.  
Test John Cox C.H.C.

Griffen Griffiths must go to Court & get somebody or other to swear in Court that he was wounded at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] in the Service either as a militia man, or as a regular Soldier. Let the Court certify that such proof is made before them & mention the Regiment he was in when wounded, & his age.

An officers certificate would do but if that cannot be had, then proceed as above to prove it by some [illegible word] Let the State of his Wound & how much it disables him, be set forth  
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Sir      Please to pay to Mr. Wm. Blakey of Buckingham County the pentions Due me for the years 1786 1787 1788 and one half for the year 1789 and you will much oblige sir your very H'e Ser.  
Teste/ Jno Tompkins/ Robert Stockton      Griffin hisXmark Griffith  
To James Wood Esqr/ Richmond

Griffin Griffith was placed on the Pension List under the Act of Assembly; and was paid up to the end of the year 1785, but from his remote situation, never applied to be replaced on the list until the expiration of the law – this [two illegible words] relying on the engagement of some gentleman of his County, to get him placed on the Federal Pension list has let the time elapse, and he is now in a state of the most perfect wretchedness, with his wounds still running, and destitute of the most common necessities of life. I conceive the state to be indebted to him for his arrears, from the beginning of 1786, until the Invalids of the State were transferred to the Federal List. The Opinion of Mr. Pendleton is requested by



Henry County      }      This Day Came Griffin Griffith before me David Lanier a Justice of the peace  
State of Virginia }      for this County & Made Oath that he was the [illegible word] Griffin Griffith  
that was a Reagular Soldier in the Last War & was wounded in the said Servis and was set on the Pention  
List & has never Drawn any pay since the year 1785 for what was allowed him Sworn to before me this  
15 day of July 1796      David Lanier

I do hereby Constitue and apoint James Wood Esquire Lieutenant Govonor of the Commonwealth of Virginia my Lawfull attorney to Receive the amount of my pention that is now Due me from the United States at to set my name in writing to any Receipt or other Lawfull Discharge for the same Given under my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1796      Griffin hisXmark Griffith

Given in presents of  
Test/ Jos. Martin JP/ Henry Lyne J.P.

Henry County Ss.

This day Came Griffin Griffith before me a Justice of Peace and made oath he enlisted a Continental Soldier for Two years in the Sixth Virginia Regiment and served his Time faithfully and Receive his wound in the Battle at Gelford when in the line of his duty. Given under my hand this 23<sup>d</sup> Sep'r. 1796

John Wells

Henry County Ss.

This day Came Abraham Rowden before me a Justice of Peace and made oath That Griffin Griffith enlisted a Continental Soldier for Two years in the Sixth Virginia Regim't. and the s'd. Rowden Personally knew the said Griffith Before he inlisted and when in the Service of the s'd inlistment and that he the said Griffith Received his wound in the battle at Gilford in the line of his duty Given under my hand this 23<sup>d</sup> Sep'r. 1796

John Wells

To the Worshipfull Court of Henry County.

I do Certify that in obedience to an order of Court in that case made I have Critically Examined Griffin Griffith who was wounded in the Service of the United States of America and his Wounds are as follows, Struck with a Ball in the Straight Messels of the Thigh and has Damaged that part very much. Also below the calf of his legg which [illegible word] all the [illegible word] which Disables him much. Also the Wounds are so Bad that there is Danger of Mortification

Certified under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1790. John Nicholas/ Surgeon

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