

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Grimes VAS1713

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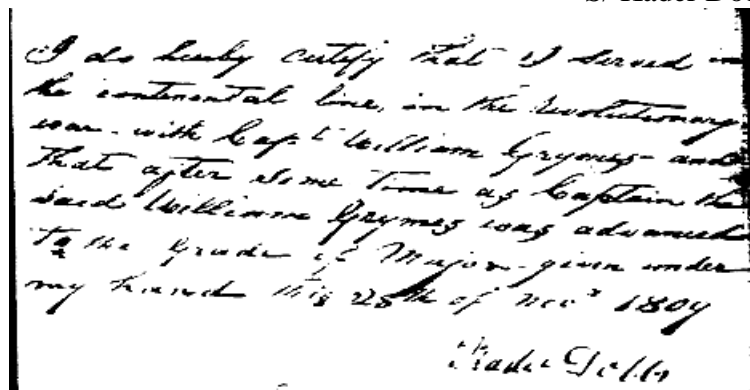
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

4-page file: indexed under "Captain William Grimes"

I do hereby certify that I Served in the continental line, in the Revolutionary war with Capt. William Grymes¹ [sic]—and that after some time as Captain the said William Grymes was advanced to the Grade of Major—given under my hand this 28th of Novr 1809.

S/ Kader Dobbs



I do hereby certify that I served in the continental line, in the Revolutionary war, with Capt. William Grymes and that after some time as Captain the said William Grymes was advanced to the grade of Major given under my hand this 28th of Nov^r 1809
Kader Dobbs

This day Kader Dobbs came before me John Butt, Senr. one of the Commonwealth's Justices for the county of Norfolk and made oath to the above certificate Given under my hand this 28th day of November 1809

S/ Jno. Butt Senior

I do hereby Certify that I have known the above named Kader Dobbs for near 20 years past a man of such moral rectitude as entitles his testimony when given on oath to all possible Credit – Given under my hand this 28th day of November 1809

S/ Jno. Butt, Senior, JP

another file: 4 pages indexed under "Major William Grimes"

¹ Gwathmey lists a Captain William Grymes of the 15th Va. Regt. who was killed in August 1, 1777. Gwathmey also lists a Major William Grimes [no details of his service].

I do hereby Certify that I was a soldier in the 15th Virginia Regiment in the Continental line – that I knew Captain William Grimes who commanded a Company in said Regiment for the that said Grimes was in two general engagements Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] & that at the 2nd encampment [?] at Middle Brooke [Middlebrook] the said Grimes with many other officers were raised to a higher grade.

Given under my hand this 20th of November 1809

S/ Jesse Nicholson²

[attested by John Butt, Senior, JP, in Norfolk on the date above referenced]

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

Note: There are 3 files indexed under the name of William Grimes, Major

13-page file:

The Petition of the heir of Major William Grymes deceased for additional Land bounty
He entered the service on Continental establishment in the 15th Virginia Regiment on 15
November 1776 died in service in Philadelphia in July 1777 –
See Journal of the House of delegates from 1786 to 1790
He had drawn for 3 years services 5333 1/3 acres C Smith's report & Register Certificate No. 1
Proof of grade of Major – See Certified Copies from Secretary of State No. 2

S/ Nancy Haggard

Heir

April 19, 1834

To Mr. Smith, Commissioner

Petition for additional bounty land

The heirs of Major William Grymes – C. L. [Continental line]

Bounty land has been received by the Heirs of this officer for a service of three years.
They now claim additional bounty for a service to the end of the war: and in support of this
claim, exhibit prove of the commencement of William Grymes' services in 1776 – and of his
death in the service the last of 1777. The Journals of Council show that on, or about, July 22nd
1776 William Grymes was Captain, and in service. He was afterwards Major & received land as
a Major.

The question submitted to your Excellency is – Whether, or not, an officer who entered
the service in July 1776, and died in the service, is, under an equitable interpretation of the land
bounty laws, entitled to bounty land for the war – that is to say – to the original & additional
Bounties – on this subject, I refer your Excellency to my Report upon the claim of
[indecipherable word or words] Gregory & the Heirs of [indecipherable word or words] &
Lieutenant Campbell,

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

May 9th, 1834

To his Excellency Governor Tazewell

² [Jesse Nicholson S5832](#)

Virginia in Norfolk County Sct.

On this day Jesse Nicholson a resident Citizen of Portsmouth Virginia came in person before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for said County and made solemn oath to the following statement.

That he is aged near seventy-five years. That he was personally acquainted with Captain William Grymes who entered the service of the United States in the War of the revolution from this County on Continental establishment in the year 1776, said Grymes belonged to the 15th Virginia Continental Regiment. This affiant belonged to said Regiment under Captain James Mason and this Regiment was engaged in the battle of German Town in October 1777 and in that engagement, this affiant received a wound in the right leg. That shortly after that battle, Captain Grymes was promoted Major in said Regiment and commanded & was obeyed as such.

That said Grymes afterwards while in service in Philadelphia died in the following year of 1777 this affiant was not present to witness his death, but being in the service at the time it was universally understood, and he does verily believe that Grymes did die, at the period above stated. He further more says, that Nancy Haggard of Cumberland County Kentucky is the only child of said Major William Grymes. Witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of January A.D. 1834.

S/ Jesse Nicholson



[another copy of the affidavit of Kader Dobbs transcribed above]

[Certificate that Jesse Nicholson is and "eminent minister of Gospel"]

This day personally appeared before me James Holden, one of the justices of the peace for the County of Princess Anne, Robert Waterson of said County and made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the said Waterson served as a soldier in the Continental Line under Captain William Grimes of Norfolk County and afterwards the said Grimes took command as a major, and that he died in the actual service of his country. Given under my hand this 23rd day of December 1809

S/ James Warden, JP

New Castle April 7th 1777

My dear wife

Since we are at this distance, I shall spare no pain nor opportunity of writing you, when I left Williamsburg I had not the time to write you but finding an opportunity of sending some money by Captain Thomas Brinfell [?], I send to you dear wife ninety dollars, \$27 of which I may no doubt but you got by this time. I also sent some to my father I owed him. You must not pay any person who may claim a debt against me, that money I sent you was for your own use, every farthing. You may inform any person who may be asking after the soldiers that they are all well that is here though several is deserted – William Barker and many others.

At any time that you may want to direct a letter to me you must direct it as thus – Major

William Grimes of the 15th Virginia Battalion: this would not have you be at any pains of writing me until I get settled in camp, as it would be [indecipherable word] to me if I got it. My dear, – in case I should not come back in any reasonable time I hope you will __ to [indecipherable word] __for five pounds that he owes me. My dear – I cannot write long, but shall let you know that I am in perfect health, hoping this may find you and dear Nancy the same: I would give any sum for a few hours of your company. My compliments to all my friends.

I am, dear wife, with all my heart

Your loving friend

S/ Wm Grimes

Mrs. Sally Grimes

Princess Anne County

Executive Department 28 June 1831

the foregoing are true copies of papers filed in this Department

S/ [indecipherable first name] Richardson, [indecipherable]

No. 5775

The Representatives of William Grimes are entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Major of the Continental line for 3 years service deducting therefrom the quantity already received as Captain of the said Line for 3 years service.

S/Samuel Coleman

Council Chamber

January 30th, 1810

John Tyler

Warrant No. 57954 1333 1/3 acres issued January 30th, 1810 to Rice Haggard and Nancy, and Nancy his Wife, the said Nancy being the only child and heir at law of William Grimes deceased
An examined Copy from the Records of the Land Office of Virginia

Another file – 3 pages

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

[indecipherable word or words] on behalf of the heirs of Major William Grimes deceased respectfully represents that Major Grimes was appointed a Captain in the 15th Virginia Regiment on the 15th of November 1776 and after being promoted to the office of Major he died in July 1777 – In 1810 January 30th Major Grimes a heirs were allowed 5333 acres of land for 3 years service – he having died in the service entitles his representatives to the bounty which he would have been entitled to if he had served to the end of the war, & having entered service the 15th of November 1776 – his allowance should have been for 7 years. [Indecipherable word or words] therefore respectfully asked that the additional bounty for the 7th year's services may now be allowed. In proof of Major Grimes' service & death while in the service [same indecipherable word or words] refers to the Journal of the House of Delegates under date of the 13th of November 1789 page 57 – And also to the papers filed with the allowance on the 13th of January 1810 , for 3 years service as a Major.

Yet another file: this one containing 6 pages. The first two pages appear to be a memorial filed by Nancy Haggard as the child and heir of Major William Grimes, but the image of the first renders it totally illegible and the 2nd page is mostly so. The file does contain a illegible letter dated April 20, 1846 postmark from "Burksville" and signed by James Haggard in which he refers to Nancy Haggard as his mother.

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Norfolk County Legislative Papers

To the Hon. the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia

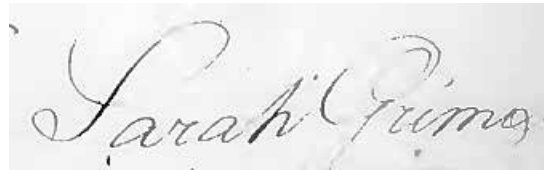
The Petition of Sarah Grimes of the County of Norfolk Humbly Sheweth

That in the year 1776 her Husband William Grimes of said County entered into the Service of the United States and in the year 1777 marched from this State to the Northward as a Major in one of the State regiments, where, after having continued a considerable time in the Service, he Departed this life, leaving your Petitioner his widow & one small Child, both of whom have ever since been in needy Circumstances, and have depended principally on your Petitioner's Father for their support, who is an Aged person with a large family & possessed of a small Estate, barely sufficient to maintain himself & family.

Wherefore your Petitioner Humbly hopes that your Honors will take her case into Consideration and allow her such sum or sums of money as you shall judge sufficient for her & her Child's necessary support.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever Pray.

S/ Sarah Grimes

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Sarah Grimes". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged.

[Reverse]

Grymes's Petn

Novr. 9th 1786

Referred to Claims