

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Grice R4301

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State of South Carolina, Marion District

Before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the said State and a Presiding Judge of the said Court at Marion Court House at Fall Term 1834, personally appeared Thomas Grice, aged Seventy-three years, who on oath in open Court made the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he was born in Marion District South Carolina on the 10th day of April 1763 -- that his age was recorded in a Bible by his father and when the deponent's sister married, she took the Book off with her and he does not now know where it is. That he entered the Service as a volunteer in the month of September 1780 under one Captain John Warley -- the Company furnished their own horses and equipments and went down to Snows Island, where General Marion [Francis Marion] was encamped and remained under his Command eight weeks --: was employed during this tour at making excursions against the British --: at one time he was sent out under the command of one Major John Irvin [John Ervin] against a party of the British and came upon them at Singleton's Mills: -- deponent supposes that about one hundred of the British came out to meet them and fired upon them, but Major Irvin ordered his detachment to retreat without firing as the British force was too large and were protected by artillery: returned to Snows Island got a furlough and returned home. As soon as he returned the Tories took him prisoner & kept him until he disclosed how many men General Marion had with him. His next term of service was in May 1781 when he volunteered and went into Garrison at Mars Bluff<sup>1</sup> on Great Pee Dee River in Marion District under one Captain Joseph Hudson of the militia and continued with him three months: a part of this time he was stationed at Alison's [Allison's] Branch, further down the River: had no engagement with anyone during this term & returned home when the encampment broke up. In May 1782, Captain John Baxter was his Commander -- deponent heard that General Marion was encamped there & he volunteered and went over to him at Birch's Mills in Marion District and was sent out under Captain John Baxter in pursuit of parties of Tories he was thus engaged for three months. At the end of this time he came to Bowling Green where Marion had struck his Camps & was there drafted to serve one month -- Captain John Rogers was his Commander & went with General Marion to Watboo [Wadboo Swamp, August 29, 1782]<sup>2</sup> was here attacked by some British light horse under one Gillis [Capt. Robert Gillies and his unit were under the overall command of Major Thomas Fraser at this engagement] -- the British were

<sup>1</sup> See Hunt's Bluff, <http://gaz.irshelby.com/huntsbluff.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <http://gaz.irshelby.com/wadboo.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_wadboo\\_swamp.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wadboo_swamp.html)

repulsed and their commander killed [Gillies was killed; Fraser was not] -- when the month was out, relief came and deponent came home. This was the end of his services in the revolutionary war. He does not recollect that he ever received any discharges -- if he did, he has lost them as he has been blind since the year 1804. He has resided in Marion District ever since the war. The whole of his Service was in the militia as a private. He did not know of the Act of Congress of June 1832 until October 1835. In March 1836, he came to Court to make his declaration but the Court having adjourned on the Second day of the week, the deponent came too late and was obliged to be for his application until this Term. He hereby releases all claim to any pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to in open Court November 15th, 1836

S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

S/ Thos. Grice, X his mark

[p 7: William H. Grice wrote a letter dated July 27, 1854 from Marion Court House SC to "Dear General" [recipient's identity unknown to me] in which the writer thanks the recipient for his efforts relative to the pension of Thomas Grice and authorizing the recipient to receive papers from Mr. S. M. Knight. The relationship, if any, of the correspondent to the veteran is not stated.



[John D. Jones, a clergyman, and Moses Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to Thomas Grice  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3103  
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2/22/19

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To the Honorable the President & Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina  
Gentlemen, the Petition of the undersigned Humbly  
Sheweth, that your Petitioner Served in the latter part of the Revolutionary War, under the command of General Francis Marion, he does not recollect the term of time he served but is confident that he took his regular tour [tour] of duty for the last two or three years of the War, was in several engagements with the British and Tories.

Your Petitioner has been deprived of the sight of his eyes for twenty-three years in the interim the expense incurred in endeavoring to recover his sight and his incapability of attending to business has reduced him from easy circumstances to indigence and extreme want, as will more fully appear by his annexed Schedule. Could your Petitioner travel about he could procure abundant testimony of his service in the War, - but he is deprived of intercourse with his fellow mortals even with the representatives of his district.

Your Petitioner prays your Honorable Body to take his case into consideration and place him on the Pension List - and as in duty bound will ever pray.

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<sup>3</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

S/ Thomas Grice, X his mark

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The property that I possess is two cows and one calf and one two-year-old heifer one bed and furniture & the working tools and kitchen furniture is not worth more than ten dollars and that is all that I have.

S/ Thomas Grice, X his mark

South Carolina Marion District } Personally came before me Thomas Grice and being duly Sworn saith that the above schedule is all the personally [sic,] or real property that he possesses and he saith also that the facts stated in the within petition is true.

Sworn to before me this 26 November 1827

S/ Charles Reaves, Q U

S/ Thomas Grice, X his mark

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South Carolina Marion District } Personally appeared John Boothe<sup>4</sup> before me who being duly sworn saith - that Thomas Grice served his country in the Revolutionary War, under the command of General Francis Marion, that he always understood that the said Grice was a faithful soldier and a true friend to his Country, and further that said Grice has been afflicted with total blindness for upwards [of] twenty years.

Sworn to and subscribed before

S/ John Fox worth, JP  
5<sup>th</sup> of November 1827

S/ John Boothe, X his mark

[Note: Petitioner was placed on the South Carolina pension list at the rate of \$60 per annum. The remaining documents in this file attest to the continued life of the claimant from 1828 through May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1837.]

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<sup>4</sup> Perhaps the same man as [John Booth W25258](#)