

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Griffin R4311

VA

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State of Kentucky

Rockcastle County Sct.

On this 5 of November 1842 James Griffin personally appeared before the undersigned George Houk a Justice of the Peace for the County afs'd. the said Griffin residing in Pulaski County Ky, aged seventy seven years old, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1842 [sic: 1832]. That he entered the service of the United States Army in the Revolutionary War in the fall preceeding the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] as a vollenter for six months in Amelia County State of Va. He vollenteerd to take the place of an other man (rec'd. no bounty for it) because his father had vollenteerd in the Company Commanded by Capt – Spratt and shortly after was put in the Redgement Commanded by Colo. Dick – the time he does not recollect being quite yong, but several weeks, in the line of the State of Va; wheather Continental line or not he does not know. After the Company was placed under Colo. [Alexander] Dick he was placed under Capt. — Haflerds Company in said Redgement and Maj'r [Thomas] Long was his Maj'r. and in the Brigade commanded by Gen'l [Thomas] Nelson. The Redgement when not in Camp was marched about to divers places, and his Company some time detached for several days on duty, He cannot recollect a history of the Country so as to give a naretive of the various marches, but they were marched to Suffolk in Va. And to Porthsmouth [sic: Portsmouth] Va, at which point or near it he & his father were discharged by Capt. Hafler after having served out his term and eight days besides. His father took the discharges and he never after saw them & his father has long since died. He was in no battles. He does not know of any regular officers except those were whom he has stated and whom he knew. The reason why he has not made earlier application is this, that the service was so small that he cared but little about it, besides he had been told that it was useless unless he had his discharge or could prove his service he need not apply; but of late he has become afflicted by disease that it is painful to travel about and the small service if allowed would be of service to him in his old age. He has no dockumentary evidence and knows of no person now liveing in Kentucky by whom he can prove his service. The reason why he applys in Rockcastle instead of Pulaski is that he lives much nearer the County Seat of Rockcastle then Pulaski County Seat, and to avoid fatigue in rideing.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll or agency of any state.

James hisXmark Griffin

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year afs'd. And I the afs'd. George Houk, Justice of the Peace for Rockcastle County Ky, do hereby Certify that the above was sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 of Nov'r. 1842, and also the following interrogatories were put and answerd which follows

- 1st. Whare were you born. Ans. In Prince Edward County Va.
2. Have you any record of your age. Ans. None.
3. Whare were you liveing when caled in to service, and whare have you lived since the Revolutionary War & whare do you now live. Ans. In Amelia County Va. Since the Revolution I have lived in Washington County Va. then in Ky whare I now live
4. He has stated how he entered the service and in the room of (his name now not remembered)
5. As to his officers and the circumstances of his service he referes to his affidavit afs'd.
6. He was discharged in the month of Aprile before the surrender of Cornwallis.
7. As to the year he was born he refers to his age.
8. As to his charracter he refers to Gen'l. William Smith who has long known, to the Rev'd. Stephen Colyer and Henry Kilburn

NOTE: Griffin's claim was rejected for insufficient proof of six months service.