

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John G. Griffis R4322

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State of Indiana Vanderburgh County

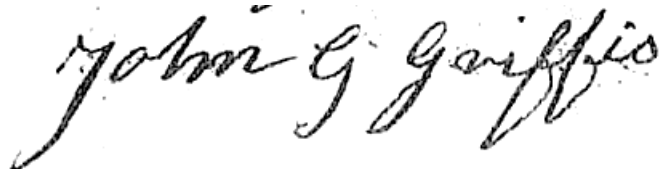
On this the 25th day of March in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before the Judges of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court John G. Griffis a resident of Pigeon Township in the County of Vanderburgh and State of Indiana aged Eighty two years in the month of August next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 (he thinks in the month of May) or early in June at Monks Corner [Moncks Corner] about forty miles from Charlestown [Charleston] in the State of South Carolina in a company commanded by Captain John Lewis, a man by the name of Evans was Orderly Sergeant there was one other Sergeant by the name of Samuel Taylor, John Jones was drummer & John Case fifer, he thinks the number of the company was 68 -- for the term of five years or during the war, marched from Moncks Corner in the State of South Carolina where he resided when he entered the Service of the United States to Camden in the State of North Carolina [sic South Carolina] was in a skirmish there went from there to the Hawfields from thence to Halifax stayed some time there from thence to Guilford Court House had a battle [March 15, 1781] there then went to 96 [Ninety Six] in South Carolina from there to Eutaw Springs had a battle [September 8, 1781] there in the autumn of 1781 he thinks about the middle of September marched from thence to Hanging Rock and was there discharged about six weeks after the Battle of Eutaw Springs by Colonel Hammond. Captain Lewis' company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Hammond & Major William Perdew General Green [Nathanael Greene] was the only General whose name Declarant now recollects under whom he served, has lost his written discharge. Says that he served as a private in the Army of the Revolution at least three years & ten months for which time he claims a pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. T. T. Jones, Clerk

S/ John G. Griffis



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State of Indiana Vanderburgh County: SS

Supplemental Declaration of John G. Griffis to the one made by him before the Judges of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court on the 25 day of March A.D. 1834 in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On this the 8th day of November A.D. 1834 personally appeared before me Nathan Rowley a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn as such John G. Griffis a resident of Pigeon Township in the County & State aforesaid and upon his oath makes the following Supplemental Declaration to the one made by him before the judges of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court on the day and year aforesaid -- which has been returned from the pension office for Correction and amendments. Declarant states that by reason of old age & dissolute habits of life, his memory has very much failed him and in addition to this he is very hard of hearing by reason of which a mistake was made in his Original declaration as to the time and place of his Entering the Revolutionary War in his original Declaration he is made to say that he entered the service of the United States in 1779 when in Truth & in fact he entered it in the year 1775 or 76 -- at Morristown in the State of New Jersey instead of Moncks Corner as stated in his Original Declaration this mistake or omission happened (no doubt) from his deafness and not properly understanding the questions as they were propounded to him by reason of his first Term of Service or northern campaign was entirely omitted. As has been before stated he entered the service of the United States in the year 1775 -- or 76 (his memory will not permit him definitively to said which) at Morristown in the State of New Jersey in a company commanded by Captain Dickenson one Lieutenant's name was William Gordon number of Company Declarant thinks was 85 attached to the 28th Regiment of Jersey Blues as we then called ourselves commanded by Colonel Dayton [perhaps Elias Dayton] & Major Barber [perhaps Francis Barbour] marched from Morristown to New York from thence to Albany (by water) from Albany we marched to a place called Johnstown on the Mohawk River from thence we went to a Fort called Fort Stanwix & rebuilt it stayed there one summer & fall from thence we marched to a place called Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain took up our winter quarters there General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] was commander of the Stationed while we were here from thence we returned to a place in New Jersey called Elizabeth Town we were then placed under the command of a General Maxwell -- we stayed most of the summer in the vicinity of Elizabeth Town and during the time fought a battle with the British & Hessians at a place called the farms about 6 miles from ~~Elizabeth Town~~ ~~we then took up our winter quarters at Elizabeth Town in the following spring we marched to the~~ Elizabeth Town Returned again to Elizabeth Town & took up our winter quarters in the following spring marched to Bound brook stayed at Bound brook some time from there we marched to a place called Paramus -- Stayed there some time the inclement seasons of the year were then coming on we returned to Elizabeth Town again & took up our winter quarters from thence we marched to a place called Easton on the Delaware River from thence we marched to a point on the Susquehanna called Wyoming from Wyoming we went up to the forks of the Susquehanna from thence we marched to New Town on the Chemung [River] and had a battle with the Indians & Tories a few miles back from the River from New Town -- we killed one pack horse and marched towards Niagara [?]¹ from thence we took the Back Track and returned to New Jersey and again took up our winter quarters at Elizabeth Town

¹ *Maguire*

October 1834

This deponent being of lawful age and first duly sworn deposes and saith that he is seventy-seven years old past that he knew John G. Griffis (who is now present) was a regular soldier of the revolutionary Army that he belonged to the same Regiment with the deponent commanded by Colonel Dayton that he lived an at the time and said Sussex County New Jersey. That he knew him well and served with him one year and this deponent was taken sick and left the Regiment the said Griffis remaining can further state that the said John G. Griffis is the Identical person he knew by that name at the time stated above and further saith not.

S/ Ziba Arnold

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[Note in the file: Cause given for rejecting this claim "Not on the rolls. No proof of service"]