

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Grimes R4331
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Beady Grimes f62NC
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State of Alabama, Pike County

On this the 24th day of January in the year of our Lord 1852, Personally appeared before me Jason Tyson a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Thomas Grimes a Resident of said County aged 59 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, July 7th 1838, March 3rd, 1843, and June 17th, 1844, granting pensions to certain widows of Revolutionary Soldiers. That William Grimes his father was a private in the war of the revolution and served two tours of three months each as a Militia man and that he took his Brother Thomas Grimes' place in the Regular Service and Served nine months from Wake County North Carolina in the war of the revolution that his said Father died on the 30th day of September 1821 in the State of Alabama and that he left a widow the mother of him the said Thomas Grimes whose name was Beady and that his Mother the said Beady also died in said State on the 10th day of May 1848 – that he is the only child and heir now living of the said William Grimes and said Beady Grimes. That the said William Grimes and the said Beady were married in Wake County North Carolina on or about the 15th of October 1781 by a Magistrate named Michael Rogers, that the said widow was the widow of the said William Grimes at the time of her death, that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of Pension due to the said Beady as the widow of said William Grimes from the 4th day of March 1831 to the day of her death and also under the acts of July 7th 1838 and the acts Subsequent there to that he is not able to state whether his father and mother married before or after the rendition of the last tour of service of his said Father.

Sworn to and subscribed before me January the 24th day A.D. 1852.

S/ Jason Tyson, JP

S/ Thomas Grimes, X his mark

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State of Alabama, Pike County

Personally appeared before me Jason Tyson a Justice of the peace Dason Grimes who being duly sworn according to law deposed and say as upon oath that, he lived in the Neighborhood in Wake County North Carolina at the time when William Grimes went into service in the Revolutionary war and that he served two tours of three months service as a Militia man and at another time he took his brother's Thomas Grimes' place in the regular Service and Served nine months, that he was living at the same place and knew that he did go into the Service of the revolutionary war but that he does not Recollect the names of the officer that the said William Grimes served under. That William Grimes and the said Beady Grimes were married in a short time after the revolutionary war but that he cannot be positive what time they were married but the said William Grimes lived at his father's house at the time they were married, but that he did not go to the wedding but he verily believes they were married by

one Michael Rogers a Justice of the peace and that they lived together as husband and wife to the day of his death. The said Doson Grimes states that his age is 94 years, and that the said William Grimes died on or about the 30th day of October AD 1821. That he saw him a few minutes before he died and that he saw him after he was dead and hope [sic, helped] to bury him, and that the said Beady Grimes died in the Spring of 1848 but that he cannot be positive as to the time when she died, but that he verily believes that she did die in the above said they according to the best information he has about her death.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me January 24 day A.D. 1852.

S/ Jason Tyson, JP

S/ Doson Grimes, X his mark

[p 10: Copy of a marriage bond, dated August 4, 1781, in Wake County, NC, given by William Grimes and Hardy Newsom for the marriage of Grimes to Beady Newsom.]

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The State of Alabama Pike County: SS

On this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord 1852 before the Probate Court in and for the County of Pike in the State of Alabama the same being a Court of Record and so declared by the Law creating it personally appeared Thomas Grimes a resident of said County aged Sixty years who being duly sworn according to Law in open Court makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, July 7, 1838, March 3, 1843 in June 17, 1844 granting pensions to certain widows of Revolutionary soldiers. William Grimes his father was a private in the war of the Revolution and served 2 or 3 towers [tours] of service but this affiant is not able to state how long he served but he thinks he served between one and two years from Wake County North Carolina in the war of the Revolution. That his said Father died on the 30th day of September 1821 in the State of Alabama. That he left a widow the Mother of him the said Thomas Grimes whose name was Beady and that his mother the said Beady also died in said State on the 10th day of May 1848 that he is the only child and heir of the said William Grimes and the said Beady Grimes. That the said William Grimes and the said Beady were married in Wake County North Carolina sometime in the year 1781 by a magistrate named Michael Rogers that the said Widow was the widow of the said William Grimes at the time of her death. That he makes VS application for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of Pension due to said Beady as the widow of said William Grimes from 4th day of March 1831 to the day of her death and also under the Acts of July 7th 1833 and the acts Subsequent thereto. That he is not able to state whether his said father and Mother married before after the rendition of his Services of his said father.

Subscribed and Sworn to in open Court this the 10th day of May A.D. 1852

S/ Thomas Grimes, X his mark

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The State of Alabama Pike County SS

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for said County Dosson Grimes aged about ninety-five years who after being duly sworn according to Law deposeth & saith upon oath that William Grimes was a soldier in the war of the Revolution he served three tours of Service he first served three months as a Militia man in the second tour was as a substitute in a nine months company called the new levy company in the place of one Thomas Grimes the nine months was an enlistment company and then at another time he served a tour of three months as a Militia man, this deponent well recollects William Grimes going into the service and his coming out of it but he does not recollect the names of the officers he served under it was from Wake County North Carolina he served. William Grimes & Beady his wife was married in Wake County North Carolina sometime in the year 1781 by a Magistrate by the name of Michael Rogers, and that the said William Grimes died in the State of Alabama on or about the 30th day of September 1821 and that he was at his burial and that Beady

Grimes died some time in the spring of the year 1848 according to the general report and that he fully concurs in the opinion that she died about that time he was not at her burial and that Thomas Grimes is a son of William & Beady Grimes and none others who are now living.

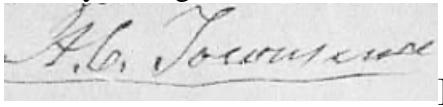
Sworn to & subscribed before me March the 25th, A.D. 1853

S/ Danl. H. Horn, JP

S/ Dosson Grimes, X his mark

[p 60: On March 25, 1853 in Pike County Alabama, Elizabeth Grimes, 47, gave testimony as to the reputation of William Grimes as a soldier in the revolution; she also testified to the dates of death of the veteran and his widow as the same set forth in the affidavit of Dosson Grimes. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 12: On August 1, 1853, A. C. Townsend, aged 66, of Pike County, Alabama gave testimony saying that he recalls his father, Samuel Townsend,¹ and William Grimes discussing their revolutionary services while they were both living in Green County, Georgia; that Grimes later moved to Morgan County, Georgia.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. C. Townsend", written on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box.

[p 37: On August 9, 1854 in Washington County Alabama, Nathan Grimes and McKinny Howell gave testimony that Beady Grimes the widow of Thomas Grimes of Pike County Alabama died August 10, 1844. The relationship, if any, of Nathan Grimes to either the veteran or his widow is not stated. There is no explanation for the discrepancy between the dates of death of the widow in the various documents in this file.]

[p 38: On April 23rd, 1855 in Pike County Alabama, Doson Grimes, 99, and Elizabeth Grimes, 49, gave testimony that they thought that Beady Grimes died May 10, 1848 which they were led to believe by correspondence at that time; they state they, however, were not present at the burial and would rely on the testimony of McKinny Howell & Nathan Grimes as correctly stating her date of death as August 10th, 1844 since they were at the burial. The relationship, if any, of the affiants to either the veteran or his widow is not stated.]

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that William Grimes a private Soldier in Captain Dixon's [Henry Dixon's] Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the __ day of November 1779, for the term of __ .

Given under my hand this 10th day of May 1855.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[p 16: There is a 3 page summary of the contents of this file which would be of interest to those wishing to learn more about this veteran.]

¹ Perhaps the same man as [Samuel Townsend R10663](#)