

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Grimes R4332

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State of Alabama, Chambers County: Special Court of Probate

On this the 27 day of February A.D. 1854, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate, now sitting for the County and State aforesaid, William Grimes, resident of the aforesaid County and State, aged ninety-five years and five months, 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, 1832.

Declarant states that he volunteered at ninety six Court House, in the State of South Carolina, on or about the ___ day of ___; and served some 15 months or two years as a private in the Infantry and Light Horse, mostly as a light-horseman under Captain Martin [Nathaniel Marshall Martin] in General Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] brigade. He recollects being in one battle with the Indians, near what was called the Middle Settlement in South Carolina; but from old age and consequent loss of memory, he does not recollect the day, month or year, on which he entered the service; nor the precise length of time he served, but is confident he served not less than fifteen months and thinks he served nearly two years as above stated. He don't recollect receiving any written discharge, and has no documentary evidence to prove his services, and knows of no person or persons now living whose testimony he can procure, to testify to his services above stated. Declarant makes this application to obtain the pension he may be entitled to under the above recited Act, or any other Act of Congress; and he further declares on oath, that he has never made any previous application for a Pension, having always been informed, that he would have to prove his services by living witnesses; All of whom have been dead for many years, so far as declarant knows and believes. Declarant states on oath, that he was born in Wake County, North Carolina, September 24, 1758; that the record of his age was lost, by his Mother's loaning the Bible in which it was recorded. When called into service in both cases above related, he resided in the State of South Carolina, and district then called Ninety Six; After the war he removed to Wake County, North Carolina; from there he removed to Orangeburg District, South Carolina, where he resided, some twenty years; from there he removed to Twiggs County, Georgia, where he resided also about twenty years; -- from Twiggs County, Georgia, he removed to DeKalb County, Georgia; from DeKalb, he moved to Harris County, Georgia; from Harris County, Georgia, he moved to Chambers County, Alabama, where he now resides. Declarant says he volunteered in the first service, and enlisted in the second (according to his best recollection. As before stated, he, Declarant received no written discharge.


Declarant says he is known to all the prominent persons at La Fayette, the Court House of said County of Chambers, near which place he resides; and has no hesitancy in giving the names

of the Rev'd A.E.A. Simmons, and Rev'd Jefferson Falkner; Baptist Clergymen, who can testify to his character for veracity; and their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Grimes



[Asa C. A. Simmons and Jefferson Falkner, clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
[p 15: On June 7, 1855, in Chambers County, William F. Meador and John W. Miles also gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Alabama Chambers County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid, William Grimes, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below; and in the following grades. I served as a private under Captain [name obliterated and illegible]; and as a private under Captain Martin fifteen months; and for which service I claim a pension.

Sworn to before me this first day of March A.D. 1854

S/ N. M. Hunter, JP

[p 16, SC Comptroller's certificate that on October 1, 1784, £94.0.0 plus interest was paid to William Grimes late Private in N. Martin's Troop Polk's [Lt. Col. William Polk's] Regt. Sumpter's Brigade State Troops. And that from N. Martin's muster roll, it appears William Grimes served ten months in his company.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William Grimes
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3151
Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Note: The file indexed under William Grimes now posted online does not contain the certificate referenced by the South Carolina Comptroller General on page 16 of the federal pension application. Although most of the documents posted in this file are illegible as posted online, from experience I can tell that there is no Indent as described in the Comptroller Generals certificate. That indicates to me that the Indent has been removed from its proper file. Whether it will appear in some other file among the South Carolina Audited accounts remains to be determined. Unfortunately, the removal and failure to return documents to their proper file is not unique to this veteran. Most often these documents never reappear.]

¹ 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.