

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Grinstead R4338

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State of Kentucky Washington County: SS

On this 15th day of November in the year of our Lord 1852 personally appeared in open court before the court of Washington County and State of Kentucky now sitting Lewis Grinstead a resident of and in the County of Washington and State aforesaid and is now in the fifty third year of his age and first being 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 the 7th day of June 1832 granting pensions to officers and soldiers that served in the war of the Revolution And that he makes this declaration in the name and right of and for the services of his Father John Grinstead Deceased and for his services as a Soldier in the Revolution And for the benefit of his Several surviving children. He states he is the youngest child of his deceased Father John Grinstead who was a Soldier in the war of the revolution and served as always stated by himself in his lifetime a term or terms of Services of more than two years. He states he makes this declaration from the best of his memory and from the very many and frequent conversations his Father and himself have had on the Subject of his Services when a Soldier of the revolutionary war a Subject the Old Gentlemen [indecipherable word]¹ to converse on And which I now State to the best of my recollection – My Father resided in early life and when he entered the service of his country in the State of Virginia and in Prince William County. He stated he entered the Service of the war of the revolution as a private soldier in an infantry company which was called the Virginia Continental line he stated he served in that Company and line one year and eight or nine months the precise time I am not quite certain but am certain he said one year and six months or more. I cannot now recollect the names of the officers who commanded the Regiment or Company but that he served in the Virginia Continental troops or line and in and Infantry Company, he also States that for the one year and 6 months services my [father] Stated he got an Honorable discharge and said he lost his discharge as I now think he said before he came to Kentucky from Virginia the discharge he got for that term of service. I also State that my Father said he was in 2 other terms of service of 6 or 9 months tours but cannot now recollect whether it was before or after the one before mentioned nor can I recollect enough of their merits to give data to his Services in them I can only say I am as fully convinced that he served the 2 additional tours of service as that he served the one more fully here mentioned for he always stated he served his country in the war of the revolution for 2 years and 7 months in actual service and that through cold Hunger and almost nakedness most of the time without shoes and with bleeding feet half

¹ *or litice*

starved and on hard marches all in defense of our Country in to obtain power Independence. And was paid in Continental money which was of no value. He also states his Father John Grinstead removed from Virginia and came to Kentucky in the year 1796 and settled in Bourbon County where he lived about 30 years. He then removed a short distance and in the County of Montgomery where he lived until the day of his death. He died on the 7th day of February in the year 1851 at the advanced age of 99 years as appears by his Bible record. He further states that soon after the passage of the act of Congress granting pensions to the old revolutionary soldiers my Father John Grinstead began to urge his claim and hunt for living evidence of his services but was unable to obtain any such proof which he considered under the act necessary under the law granting pensions. In the summer of the year 1834 a Gentlemen Mr. Cox Deputy Clerk of the Court for Montgomery County who was convinced that my Father was a revolutionary Soldier made out his declaration for a pension under the act of June 7th 1832 and that Declaration was kept for a number of years still hunting for living evidence and making rigid [sic, rigid?] Search for Several years and he entirely failing to obtain the evidence he believed necessary to secure his pension by Father became very old and very much indisposed and for the last 8 or 10 years of his life he was unable to attend to any business he was confined at home with old age and disease. He further states his Father John Grinstead before his death appointed him his executor to settle his estate and that as his executor he makes this Declaration for the benefit of the surviving children of his deceased Father and for whose services we claim the amount of Pension due and rely on the rolls of the revolutionary Army in support of the services of our father John Grinstead as set forth in this Declaration. He now states the names of the surviving Children of John Grinstead Deceased and Heirs at law Milly Gamble late Milly Grinstead, Susannah Bowles late Susanna Grinstead, Nancy Barker late Nancy Grinstead, Reuben Grinstead and myself Lewis Grinstead. He further states that 2 of his Sisters now reside in a distant part of the State of Indiana And that his Brother Reuben Grinstead is not of sound mind he is entirely simple and is a charge to me and my family as it appears he ever will be.

S/ Lewis Grinstead



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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 5th day of May 1783 in the name of John Grinstead as Soldier and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £44.8.7, delivered to himself but as the original settlements or copies thereof are not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 10th day of August 1853.

S/ G. W. Chitter
Act'g Auditor

[No Seal of Office]