

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ralph Griffin S16389

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State of Indiana, Jefferson County: Sct.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid now sitting Ralph Griffin, a resident of Jefferson County and State of Indiana aged 79 years 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the month of January 1779 drafted as a militia man. That he belonged to Captain Edward Lacey's Company and Colonel Joseph Brown's Regiment. That they marched from Camden District where he then resided to the Quarter House at Charleston thence to Purysburg on the Savannah River and joined the General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army at that place which was his head quarters at that time. Thence up the Savannah River near Augusta in Georgia and his term of service (which was two months) having expired he was discharged and returned home. That he was again in the service as a volunteer in 1780. That he entered the Service in the month of July in that year (1780). That he again joined Captain Lacey's Company, Colonel Patton's [Lt. Col. Robert Patton's] Regiment. That he joined the Main Army under command of General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] in what was called the Waxhaw Settlement; marched thence and attacked a party of British at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]<sup>1</sup> and was repulsed – thence into the edge of North Carolina and he had a skirmish with another party of the enemy at a place called the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780]<sup>2</sup> – thence returned with the wounded to a place called the Waxhaw Meeting House in North Carolina. Thence crossed the Catawba River into Camden District near the town of Camden where they arrived on the day of General Gates' [Horatio Gates' or Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]<sup>3</sup> defeat. Thence marched to Fishing Creek near Land's Ford on the Catawba where the Army under General Sumter was defeated [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780]<sup>4</sup>. Thence being dispersed, they reassembled at Charlotte in North Carolina. Thence to the Catawba River. There encamped. Thence (Sumter having left the Army) they marched under the command of Colonel, formerly Captain, Lacey of the Catawba River – thence by a circuitous route to the Cowpens and joined Colonel Campbell's [William Campbell's] Regiment – thence by a circuitous route to Kings Mountain where they

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_rocky\\_mount.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_fishing\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html)

defeated Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] [Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780]<sup>5</sup>. Thence finally obtained a furlough to see his family – returned home and remained there a few days at which time the inhabitants of his neighborhood erected a fort from which those who took refuge were driven in a short time by Cornwallis. Thence in pursuit of the Tories from place to place until the last of March or first of April 1781 when the Americans (himself being one) under command of General Sumter attacked the Congaree Fort and were repulsed [Fort Granby #1, February 19, 1781]<sup>6</sup>. That immediately thereafter he was sent on as a spy and having been left by the Army he returned home about the middle of April 1781. That he served in the whole at least 12 months but that he may not err in his own favor, he will put it down as eleven months. That he served the whole time as a private soldier. That he was born in Halifax County Virginia [on] Aug. 5, 1754<sup>7</sup> and emigrated thence to Camden District South Carolina where he resided when he entered the service as aforesaid. That he never received a written discharge. That he removed from South Carolina to Kentucky in the autumn of 1786. Thence to Jefferson County Indiana in April 1806 where he now resides and has ever since. That he has no knowledge of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ralph Griffin, X his mark

[Joseph Hankins, a clergyman and Samuel Ryker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>8</sup> relating to Ralph Griffin  
Audited Account No. 3121

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[Book Z [No.] 234

Mr. Ralph Griffin his Account of Sundries for Militia use in 1780 – 28 March 87 [1787]

Amounting to £31.17.1 ½ Stg [Sterling]

not Certified

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

to be certified

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<sup>5</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

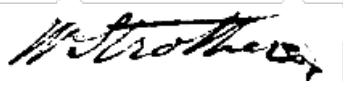
<sup>6</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_granby\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_1.html)

<sup>7</sup> War Department interpreted this date as January 5, 1754, but the month looks more like Aug, or possibly May, than January to this transcriber.

<sup>8</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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S/ W. Strother



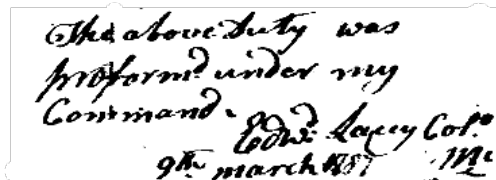
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State of South Carolina Dr [Debtor]  
to Ralph Griffin

		£	S	D
July 1780	To 21 Days at 20/ [20 shillings old SC currency] <sup>9</sup> per day	21	00	0
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	To 66 Days at 20/per day	66	00	0
	To one Horse & Saddle	136	00	0
	Total	223	00	0
		£31	17	1

The above Duty was performed under my Command

S/ Edw'd Lacey Colo. [Edward Lacey, Colonel]  
9<sup>th</sup> March 1787 M[?]



South Carolina Camden District } Personally appeared Edward Lacey and Patrick McGriff and made oath as the Law Direct that the Horse Ralph Griffin Lost at Sumter's Defeat and Saddle the [sic, they] appraised to the Sum of one Hundred and Thirty Six pounds. Sworn before me this 6<sup>th</sup> June 1783

S/ Wm Tate, JP

The Horse & Saddle above mentioned was Lost in action in the Service of this State on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1780

S/ Edw'd Lacey Colo.  
9<sup>th</sup> March 1787 Mc [?]

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Gentlemen

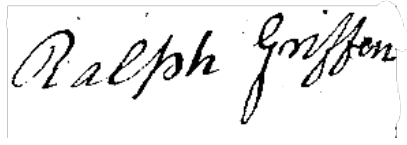
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1790

Please deliver my Indent of thirty one pounds 17/1 to James Ray Esquire & his receipt shall be good to your

<sup>9</sup> 20 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a mounted militia man providing his on horse and equipment

Hble Sert.

S/ Ralph Griffen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph Griffen". The signature is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Witness

[undeciphered signature]

for militia Duty