

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Griffin S21247

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State of SC, Anderson District

On the Fourth day of March personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas in the Said State and for the District aforesaid, now in Session, Joseph Griffin, residing in the State & District aforesaid, who being duly Sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832: He entered the service of the United States in November 1780 as a volunteer private under Captain William Harris in Col. Joseph Haizes' [sic, Joseph Hayes'] Regiment of Militia and continued in service until January 1782 & was in service, with the exception of a short time when sick with the small pox in August 1781 though he was in camp when taken lodged in a house during his confinement and followed the troops as soon as able. Col. Hayes was killed at the Engagement at the Station bearing his name when Col. Levi Casey succeeded to the command of his Regiment. He subjoins the following as answers to the Interrogatories propounded by [the] War Department:

First: He was born in Virginia 9th August 1763.

Second: His age was recorded in a Family Bible by his Father which he transferred to one of his own but which is now destroyed.

Third: He was living in the adjoining District of Laurens when called into service and volunteered.

Fourth: He was in the Battle of Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] with Sumter [Thomas Sumter]; at the Battle of Cowpens [January 11, 1781] with Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] with Genl. Greene [Nathanael Greene].

Fifth: Never had any discharge in writing.

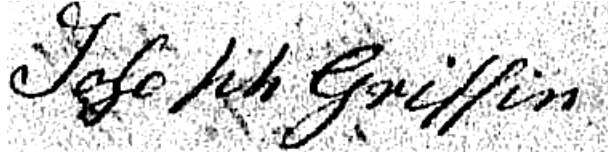
Sixth: He is known to Major William Milwee [William Mulwee] who lived near me during the war & has known me from boyhood. He thinks there are several persons yet alive in Laurens but cannot specify names as he intends going to that District to find out such persons as may be alive and still resident there.

1 The Fold3.com image of this application is erroneously included in the file for Joseph Griffin R4315 beginning at frame 38. This Joseph Griffin is omitted entirely from the Fold3.com index under his proper place in the South Carolina veterans.

The Deponent's name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any state though he has been for some years in the receipt of a pension from the State of South Carolina which he will cheerfully relinquish for an allowance from the General Government.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Griffin



S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge in open Court

[Sanford Vandiver, a clergyman, & Thomas H. McCann gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

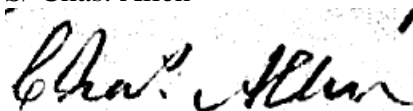
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State of South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared before me Charles Allen² and made oath that he served with Joseph Griffin in the Revolutionary War, that he was with him frequently, and believes him to have been a Soldier for a considerable length of time in the militia of the State of South Carolina – this 20th of October 1834.

S/ Wm Cowan, JP

S/ Chas. Allen



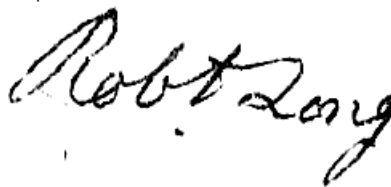
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State of South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared Robert Long³ before me and being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with Joseph Griffin, a private in the Little River Regiment of Militia in the Revolutionary War that he served as a Refugee from the British and Tories under Colonel Joseph Hayes in the same Regiment with himself: he served under Captain William Haris [sic, Harris]; that he saw him in said Company in the first week of November in the year 1780, that he believes he was in the Battle at Blackstocks under General Sumter against Tarleton and at the defeat of Colonel More [sic, Moore] of the Tories under Colonel Washington and at the taking of the Fort of the Tories at Williams plantation by Colonel Hayes; and also at Tarleton's defeat at the Cowpens under General Morgan: and that he believes he served faithfully in American Service until the end of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and subscribed the 20th day of October 1834.

S/ Robt. Long



2 [Charles Allen S17819](#)

3 [Robert Long S7157](#)

S/ Wm Cowan, JP

State of South Carolina, Laurens District
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Personally appeared James Dillard⁴ Esquire and old and Infirm person, before me Robert Long, one of the Justices of the Quorum of the District of Laurens aforesaid; and being duly sworn on his Oath saith that he was acquainted with Joseph Griffin a private Soldier in the Little River Regiment of South Carolina militia in the Revolutionary War under Colonel Joseph Hayes in Captain William Harris' Company he believes from about the 1st of November in the year 1780, that he was he believes in the defeat of Colonel Moore of the Tories on Bush River; and also at the taking Williams' Fort on the Little River; and also at Tarleton's Defeat by General Morgan at the Cowpens; and also at the Siege of Ninety-Six under General Greene; and that he has no doubt but that he served faithfully as a militia Soldier to the end of the Revolutionary war; the Colonel & Captain Harris both dead.

Sworn to and Subscribed the 16th day of October 1834

S/ James Dillard



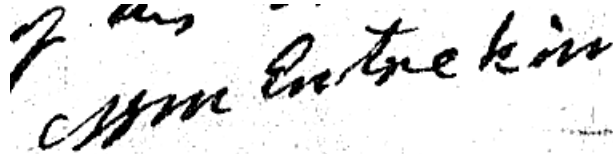
S/ Robert Long, JQ

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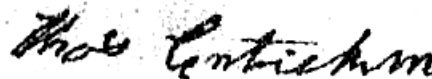
State of South Carolina, Anderson District

William Entrekin⁵ and Thomas Entrekin⁶ appeared personally before me and made oath that they were well acquainted with Joseph Griffin who applies for a pension during the War of the Revolution – as they all resided in the same neighborhood. He had the reputation of having been a faithful and active Whig soldier and neither of these Deponents ever heard the same in any manner questioned. Thomas Entrekin saw him in the years 1780 and 1781 when in the Service and believes his statement of his service to be substantially true.

S/ Wm Entrekin



S/ Thos. Entrekin



Sworn to & subscribed September 30th 1834 Before
S/ Joseph N. Whither, Not. Pub. & Q Ex. Off.

4 [James Dillard S6797](#)

5 [William Entrekin W3532](#)

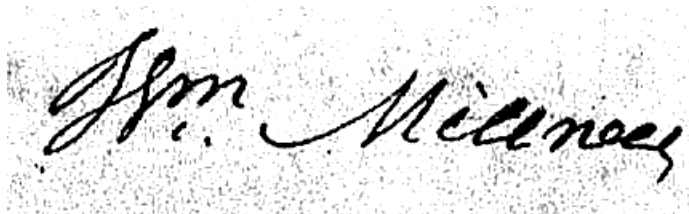
6 [Thomas Entrekin W7112](#)

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Major William Milwee⁷ was well acquainted with Joseph Griffin tour in the revolution and knows that he was always reputed a good and faithful soldier in that struggle and believes that his statement of his services is entitled to full belief.

Sworn to & Subscribed September 30, 1834 Before
S/ Joseph N. Whither, Not. Pub. & Q Ex. Off.

S/ Wm Millwee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Millwee". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[p 47: Included among the papers filed under Joseph Griffin's name is a petition dated March 5, 1856, filed in Laurens District, SC, by Frances Susan Griffin in which she states that she is the minor daughter, aged 20 years, of Joseph Griffin, a revolutionary soldier, who received \$40 annually as a pension from the government. She seeks the bounty land she may be entitled to under the law. In this petition, she states that her father died on April 3, 1850 in Laurens District, SC.]

[p 50: Also attached is a document entitled "Claim of Minor Children for Bounty Land" dated December 20, 1881 in which Frances Susan Monroe, aged 46, as the child of Joseph Griffin. In this claim, she claims that her father served in 1776 & 1777 in the regiment commanded by Col. James Williams, in Laurens District, SC. She states that her father was in the Battles of Kings Mountain, Musgrove, Blackstocks, Hammonds [Hammond's Old Store], Cowpens, Guilford C. H., Long Cain, Ninety Six, Eutaw Springs &c and massacre at Hayes Station. She states that she was born September 28, 1835 in Anderson County, SC. She gives her mother's name as Nancy Black. In this claim, she states her father died near Martin's Depot (Laurens R. R. Station), in SC on the 3rd of Apr. 1850 and that he left no widow surviving him]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to Joseph Griffin
Audited Account No. 3115

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No. 46

[No.] 511 [Book] S

⁷ [William Milwee W9200](#)

⁸ 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 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.

Mr. Joseph Griffin his account of Militia duty as private since the reduction of Charles-town
[Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £189
Sterling £27

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received Columbia 23rd of December 1790 from the Commissioner of the Treasury an Indent
No. 511 S in full of the within Account

£27

S/ Jno. Bowers



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State of South Carolina

To Joseph Griffin

Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency

Dr.

£189.0.0

Stg.

£27

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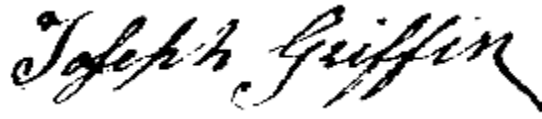
Sir/

be pleased to Deliver the bearer Mr. John Bowers Indents the Amount of my Accounts
Your Office and this shall be your Receipt – December 8th, 1790

I am Sir

Your Humble Servant

S/ Joseph Griffin



To Thos. Nicholls Esqr.

Commissioner of the Treasury

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[undeciphered signature]

[pp 9-10: Receipts the 1st of which is dated May 28, 1829 and the last of which is dated June 4,
1834 reflecting annual payments to Joseph Griffin of \$60 as an annuity.]