

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Grimes S2244

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The State of Ohio Butler County Court of Common Pleas July Term 1832: SS

On this first day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Butler in the State of Ohio James Grimes aged seventy-two years resident of the County of Butler aforesaid 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 7th 1832 –

That on the 8th day of September in the year of 1777 he enlisted at Alexandria in Virginia to serve during the war in the company commanded by Captain Earl of the third Regiment, General Woodford's [William Woodford's] brigade of Virginia State troops – this company joined the main Army under General Washington a few days after the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777]. In a short time the Army went into winter quarters at Valley Forge – In the spring of the year 1779 the British left Philadelphia and passed into Jersey deponent went with a detachment under General Lafayette Colonel Livingston and Major Dickenson to pursue the British and protect the inhabitants from being plundered. Deponent was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], he fought under the immediate command of Lafayette. After the battle deponent left the detachment and returned his own Regiment and marched with the Army to White Plains – he was at the taking of Powlers hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] he fought in a detachment under Major Forsyth of Virginia. In December 1779 about the time the Army were going into winter quarters near Morristown in New Jersey the Virginia troops were ordered to proceed to the South, they marched under the command of General Woodford and Colonels Cavil [perhaps Samuel J Cabell] and Nevell [probably John Neville], the names of the other officers who marched with the troops to the South deponent cannot recollect they arrived at Charleston about the 7th of April. At the siege of Charleston deponent was surrendered a prisoner of war about the 10th of May [sic, May 12, 1780] – at the time the surrender deponent belonged to Captain Peyton's Company of the second Regiment commanded by Colonel Neville Captain Peyton was killed in the siege. In January 1781 deponent effected his escape from the British and obtaining a pass from General Green [Nathanael Greene] he got home to Alexandria about the last of February – he remained at home nearly one year when the American prisoners were exchanged, he was then called on by Captain Johnson of Woodford's brigade to rejoin the Army – he acted for a short time as recruiting Sergeant and after raising a company of young men he marched them to the barracks in Frederick County Virginia where General Mulenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] had the command of a guard over British prisoners by order of General Muhlenberg Captain Johnson gave deponent a written discharge which he has since lost. Deponent has no written

discharge at this time – nor has he any written record of his age but states that he was born in Fairfax County Virginia in January 1760. After the war he lived in the District of Columbia until 1807 when he came to Butler County of Ohio where he has since resided and still resides. He knows of no witnesses living by whom he can prove his services. He is well known to Daniel Doty, Freeman Conklin, John Shafor & Robert Faries whose depositions proving his good character as a man of truth and as a soldier of the revolution are hereto attached – the witnesses could not be produced in open court without too great an expense to deponent and inconvenience to themselves – their testimony has therefore been taken before James Heaton a Justice of the peace for the County of Butler in which they also reside on the 31st July Instant and is here with exhibited. Deponent 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. He applied for a pension under the act of May A.D. 1818 in the month of June A.D. 1818 but his petition was rejected on account of his having belonged to the Virginia State troops.

S/ James Grimes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Grimes". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

[Daniel Doty gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Freeman Conklin gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[John Shafor gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Robert Faries gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]