

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Grindstaff S31075

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State of Kentucky, Jessamine County: Sct.

On this 18th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the justices of the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting Jacob Grindstaff a resident of said County aged about Sixty Seven 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 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the service of the United States in the North Carolina line of militia under the following named officers, and served as herein stated viz. That he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Killian & Ensign David Waggoner – Major Joseph McDowell, Colonel Joseph McDowell & General Charles McDowell were the field officers – The precise time or year of his enlistment he does not recollect, but that it was in the fall of the year 1781 or 1782 – That he enlisted in Burk [sic, Burke] County North Carolina at Morgantown [sic, Morganton] and marched down to Saulsberry [sic, Salisbury] and there remained until we received orders to march against the Cherokee Indians they having come in on the frontiers & were committing Outrages – we marched from Salisbury back to Morganton and from there to the head of the Catawby [sic, Catawba] River at Davidson's Station there we collected men and went on and crossed the Blue Ridge and marched down Swanneyna [Swannanoa River] to the mouth there we crossed the River called French Broad and passed along the road from there that led to the Cherokee towns (it took almost eight days to go from that River to the Cherokee Settlement) after we got out to the Cherokee Nation we fell in contact with some of them & killed nine Indians and took nine or ten more prisoners, besides many wounded that made their escape, we destroyed a good deal of Corn and houses this took place on the Tuckeleachy [sic, Tuckasegee?] River – we then returned from the Cherokee nation to Morganton and was there discharged after a tour of three months. He had a written discharge signed by Captain Killian which has been lost.

That he served another tour in the horse Company Commanded by Captain Henry Whitner [Henry Whitener] & Colonel Joseph McDowell & Major Joseph McDowell were field officers this Company was raised in Burke, Lincoln & Rutherford Counties in North Carolina, he enlisted in Morganton in the Spring of 1782 or 1783. We were to go against the Cherokee Indians again and marched from Morganton to Davidson's Garrison it being the head place of rendezvous on the Catawba River, from thence we went on, crossed the Blue Ridge and went down the Swannanoa and crossed the French Broad & took the road to the Cherokee towns, and going to the nation we crossed Hominy Creek, after we got to the nation we crossed Tuckeleachy River, where we broke in upon the Indians & killed four or five of them – took eight prisoners – destroyed their houses and provisions & all the property, after this we returned to Morganton & there discharged after a tour of three months. That he had a written discharge signed by Captain Henry Whitner which has been lost or destroyed. That he resided in the County of Burke in North Carolina in the neighborhood of said McDowell's at the time of his enlistment – Does not know what year he was born – Has no record of his age & never had any – After his above services he resided a part of the time in Burke County North Carolina; a part of the

time in Jefferson County Tennessee and the balance of the time in Kentucky & now resides in Jessamine County Kentucky. That he neither knows how to read or write and knows nothing of his own age but believes it to be about the years as above stated. He has no documentary evidence. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present & hereby declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any States that he knows of – Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Michael Grindstaff, X his mark

[Sic, why is this signed Michael Grindstaff when it was given by Jacob Grindstaff????]

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The Deposition of Michael Grindstaff taken to prove the services of Jacob Grindstaff as a Revolutionary soldier being first sworn Deposes and saith that during the Revolutionary war Jacob Grindstaff entered the Army under the Command of General Charles McDowell in the North Carolina line of militia and served three months in Captain Henry Whitener's Company and was Regularly Discharged and that some time afterwards he served another Tour of three months against the Indians in Captain Andrew Killian's Company of militia under the command of Colonel Joseph McDowell and Major Joseph McDowell Commanded the Battalion to which he belonged at the end of which time he was discharged making in all six months he served to my knowledge and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Michael Grindstaff, S his mark

Jessamine County

the foregoing Deposition of Michael Grindstaff was taken before me at my office in Nicholasville on the 26th day of February 1833 for the purposes therein mentioned given under my hand the day and date before written the above was subscribed & sworn to before me on the day above Date I further certify that I believe that Michael Grindstaff the deponent is a credible person and to be believed when own oath.

S/ Geo. T. Chrisman, JP

[p 9: Lucinda Willis, an heir of Jacob Grindstaff, says he died on or about December 25, 1844 in Washington County, Ky, a pensioner of the US—her statement is made in a power of attorney dated March 19th 1853. She signed the document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]