

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Grigg S3417

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: County Court August Term 1832

On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Henry Trott [?], James L Mitchell and Varner D. Coner [?] Esquires Justices holding said court Lewis Grigg a resident of said County aged seventy-five 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 7th June 1832 – That in Greenville County State of Virginia in the year 1775, he volunteered his services in the United States under Captain John McLin and rendezvoused at Portsmouth – in this Tour he served but six weeks – and was discharged and returned home. In the County of Greenville State of Virginia in the year 1775 or 1776 he enlisted as an Artificer to the company of Captain House [Lawrence House] – and Philip Moody was the superintendent of the Work – He was marched to Williamsburg Virginia – and worked there fifteen months – and then was marched to York and [several indecipherable words] stationed at work six months – and from thence to Hampton, and he worked there two or three months – and then to Richmond and Virginia, where he was discharged by General Mullenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] – he was marched from these different points as the work was required to be done – After this he joined the Militia Service, under Captain Houk [?] in Greenville County and rendezvoused at Cabin Point, and was marched to Petersburg and there he was in a battle under the command of General Muhlenberg – this was in the year 1779 as well as he can recollect – He was discharged – he has no documents in his possession by which he can prove his services – there was a man living in Williamson County when he last heard from him by whom he could prove his three years Tour in the regular service.

He 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Lewis Grigg, X his mark

S/ J. R. Laughlin, Clk.

[Martin Clark, a clergyman, and Benjamin C. Ransom gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Dinwiddie County Virginia in the year 1758

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer – I have one at my house.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer [left blank]

Question 4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute to, and if a substitute for whom

Answer. He enlisted as an Artificer

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer [left blank]

Question 6th did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer. He has lost his discharges

Question 7th The state the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer – Boly Fisher, John Ransom, Sam Baker [??]

State of Tennessee Rutherford County

Personally appeared before us Benjamin C Ransom and John Ransom Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid at the house of Richard Sammons in said County, Newit Sammons a revolutionary soldier aged in may next 83 and after being duly sworn on the Holy evangelists of Almighty God, deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with Grigg in Greenville County State of Virginia during the revolutionary War – Deponent knew the said Grigg before the war and he saw him while in service at York and Hampton – deponent visited a brother of his who was in the service with the said Grigg and in the same company of artificers – Deponent cannot say at what time precisely the said Grigg entered the service, but to the best of his recollection, the said Grigg entered the service as an enlisted artificer under Captain House in the year 1775 – and continued in the service for that year and in 1776 – and that the said Grigg was in service after that period – He recollects of no Regiment but knows that House commanded the company; and that the duty required of the company was to do work when and where required – Deponent knows that the said Grigg enlisted for three years; but he cannot say particularly the links of the said Grigg service, though he always understood that he served the full term of his enlistment.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this 15th day of April 1833

S/ Newit Sammons,¹ X his mark

Personally appeared before us the aforesaid acting justices of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Lewis Grigg who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he served as an enlisted artificer three years and for the service he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed this 15th April 1833

¹ [Newit Sammons S1720](#)

S/ Lewis Grigg, X his mark

[Note: A letter dated May 29, 1837 sent from Murfreesborough Tennessee by William Ledbetter to J L Edwards, Commissioner of pensions contains a statement that the veteran died "on the 14 October last".]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service as an artificer.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: Very poor image: see below]

Richmond Town August 18, 1780 [?]

I [one or more indecipherably faint words] Certify that Lewis Grigg a soldier of Captain Lawrence House [indecipherably faint word] of the Company of Artificers of Colonel Thomas Marshall's Regiment of State Artillery having served three years the term of his Enlistment has leave to go home and stay until he has [several indecipherably faint words] the commanding officer of the said Regiment. Given under my hand this 10th day of August 1780? [last digit unclear]

S/ [indecipherable first name] Moody

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[Signature]