

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Griffith S3426

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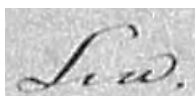
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State of Tennessee Morgan County

On the 20th day of April 1833 personally affirmed before me Thomas Jack a Justice of the peace and one of the Justice of the Court of pleas and quarter session for the County of Morgan aforesaid Joseph Griffith resident in the County of Morgan State of Tennessee. And at the house of the residence of the said Joseph Griffith who is a very aged & infirm man & who supposes himself to be seventy seven years of age not having any record of his age, & who from old age & infirmity of years is unable to get to Court and who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he enlisted as a private regular in the Army of the United States the day & date cannot now from old age & consequent loss of memory be now recollected but it was about six years before the surrender of Cornwallice [sic, Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown on October 19, 1781] at York. He entered and served in the 7th Regiment of the Virginia Line his time of enlistment was to be during the war. Applicant lived in Brunswick County, State of Virginia and enlisted & entered in the service as aforesaid under the following officers to wit: Captain Edward Yarbower [Edward Yarborough] Lieutenant name not now recollected Major Lea [?]¹, Col. Joseph Crockett Genl. Washington. Was marched to Peters Burg [sic, Petersburg] was in battle at Petersburg was stationed there about six weeks. Was then marched to Richmond was in the battle of Richmond was marched to Divers Points all of which cant now be recollected but was in the service at Richmond & was then at Different points wherever necessity called for him some three or four years. He was then marched up the country after the British Army in the State of North Carolina was in the battle fought with the Tories at Ramsowers [sic, Ramsour's] Mill [June 20, 1780] where the Tories was defeated was marched & placed under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was then marched to Guilford was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] was then marched to Divers Points pursuing the British Army until the siege of York was in the siege was one of General Washington's Life Guard on the day that Cornwallis surrendered. Saw Cornwallis deliver his sword to General Washington. Applicant was then marched as one of the Guard over the Prisoners to King and Queens County near Apple tree Church was then honorably but verbally discharged. Applicant cant from old age & consequent loss of memory recollect the precise length of service but it was not less than six years and that as a private enlisted regular soldier applicant hereby relinquishes his every claim to pension or annuity Except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State applicant makes oath that he is unable to get to Court applicant has no Documentary evidence by which he can prove his Services nor is there any persons living whose testimony he can procure by whom applicant can prove his



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absolute services but the following persons citizens and neighbors of him can testify to his character as a soldier of the Revolution to wit Andrew Lewellen, John Patten, William Sexton, Archillus Gibson, Henry Begley, Moses Sexton, this applicant has lived ever since the Revolutionary War in the States of Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana & Illinois applicant now resides in Tennessee, Morgan County.

S/ Joseph Griffith, X his mark

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Jack

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