

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Gordon Griffin S35982  
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PA [sic: VA]

State of Kentucky } Sct  
Bath County } [17 June 1818]

Gordon Griffin states that he was a Continental soldier in the revolutionary war, in the service of the United Colonies that he enlisted in Greensbrier [sic: Greenbrier] County Virginia, he thinks about the middle of August 1777 that he belonged to a company commanded by Capt James Burnside which was attached to the thirteenth regiment of the Line from Virginia on continental establishment Commanded by Colo Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead; see endnote] and Lieut. Col. [John] Gibson which regiment was attached to the command of Genl. McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh; see endnote] That he enlisted for Eighteen months that he served out his time and was discharged at Buckades Old fort on the Muskingham River that he has lost his discharge & all papers relative to his enlistment & services that he has never been allowed or received any pension from the United states That he is old, infirm and in indigent circumstances and stands in kneed of the assistence of Government for a support that he has ever since been a Citizen of the United States and is now a Citizen of Bath County state of Kentucky.

Circuit of Bath – Sct.

The said Gorden Griffin makes oath in open Court that there is an omission & mistake in his statement within made – That he was Inlisted by Capt James Burnside at his House, Greenbrier County Virginia for 18 months & was marched to Pittsburg Pennsylvania where he was mustered into the 13th Regt. Pensylvania Line on Continental Establishment Commanded by Col Broadhead, & in Capt Jas Burnside's Company. That he was at the Building of Fort McIntosh, on Ohio below Big Bever Creek [sic: Beaver River at present Beaver PA, fall 1778] and was discharged at that place by Col Broadhead as within stated, to the best of his recollection. as well as he recollects, Gibsons name was John & he was Lieut Col of the 13<sup>th</sup> Regt. afs'd as the Deponent always believed. Given under my hand & seal as Circuit Judge for the State afsd this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1820

Gordon Griffin by way of addition and Amendment to his Original Statement states as follows That after serving out the time for which he was enlisted he thinks in the latter part of February or forepart of March 1779 he was discharged by Col Brodhead which discharge with many other papers was destroyed in moving to Kentucky by the wet This Applicant cannot say certainly that Col Broadhead commanded a regiment of the Virginia line but he is certain that the Company to which he belonged was attached to the regiment commanded by Col Broadhead but he is induced to believe Col Broadhead commanded a regiment of the Pennsylvania line as it was in Pennsylvania where his company joined said regiment at Fort Pitt This Applicant cannot state the Christian name of Col Gibson as he never knew him by any other name than that of Col Gibson but of this he is certain that the Company from Virginia Commanded by Capt James Burnside's was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col Broadhead at Fort Pitt. This applicant further states that he has lately been informed that Col Gibsons Christian name was John but does not recollect that fact himself  
Gordon hisXmark Griffin  
[23 March 1820]

State of Kentucky }  
Bath Circuit } Sct June Term 1820

Gordan Griffen on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1829 personally appeared in Open Court (It being a court of Record) for said Circuit aged about Sixty six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following additional statement and declaration in order to obtain the provission which by the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 as follows to wit) The Schedule

affidaved and Statement of Gordan Griffen late a private soldier in the service of the United States in the time of the Revolutionary war with great Britain who was attached to a company commanded by Capt James Burnsidies which was attached to the 13<sup>th</sup> Reg't. of the Pennsylvania line and is now an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress which Schedule is a follows to wit.

One Sow and Shoat, of the value of	\$3—
Five chairs, two pots half dozen plats, one dish, puter basan, one table, half a dozen knives & forks, three hows and one axe	} <u>12.10</u>
	\$15.10
One debt due by ac't. on Rezin McDaniel who has run a way which I consider no to be worth one cent for	} 25—
	\$40.10

Which is all the property and debts of every description that this applicant has in any manner belonging to him.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky	}	
Bath Circuit Sct	}	I Gordan Griffen do sollemley swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18 <sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18 <sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

And the said Gordan Griffin further stats that he is a farmer by proffession. But that he is wholly unable to persue it to any good effect in consequence of lameness created by the kick of a horse which broak his right leg in such a manner as to make him verry much of a Criples.

That he has no family residing with him except a wife aged about forty five years who is unable to Contribut materially to the support by reason of her age and frelleness. he further stats that he is about sixty six years of age and therefore is Induced to solicit the assistance of government

Gordan hisXmark Griffen

NOTES:

The 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental Regiment was commanded by Col. William Russell and attached to the Western Department. Col. Daniel Brodhead commanded the 8<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment, which was also attached to the Western Department. Gen. Lachlan McIntosh did not take command of the Western department until 26 May 1778.

Isabella Howard certified that she was present when her brother, Gordon Griffin, enlisted, and that he was absent a long time.