

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Grinstead S35988

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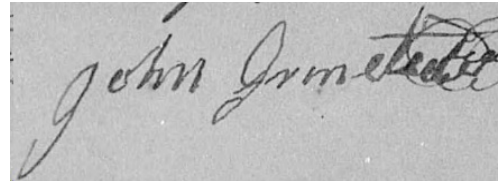
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District of Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County the second day of November One thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

John Grinstead aged sixty two years a resident of the said County personally appeared in Court, and being first duly sworn according to law upon oath doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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," that he the said John Grinstead, enlisted in Henrico County in the State of Virginia about 1781 in the company commanded by Captain Woodson of the Seventeenth Regiment commanded by Colo. [Thomas] Posey, on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the war ended, when he was discharged from service in Cumberland county Virginia; that he was in the battles of the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], in a battle near Savannah, in Georgia [Ebenezer, 23 Jun 1782], and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service.

District of Indiana Sct. On this 24th day of February Eighteen hundred & Twenty three Personally appeared in Open Court It being the Jennings Circuit Court in the Second Judicial District of the State of Indiana and a Court of Record in said State John Greenstead aged Sixty seven years Resident in said County of Jennings who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted under Capt. Coverly [probably William Lewis Lovely] in Col. Scotts [Charles Scott's] Reg't of the Virginia line and afterwards was attached to Gen'l. Waynes [Anthony Wayne's] Brigade and that I am the Identical John Greenstead who Received a Pension Certificate No. 11,741 Entling me to Eight Dollars pr. month payable twice annually at Richmond Va. at the Branch Bank of the United States the first payment to be made the 4th day of Sept 1819 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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 (I have no Real Estate I have two small beds & bedding – Good necessary clothing I have not I am by Occupation a Laborer which I am not able to follow I have no wife three small Children the oldest is seventeen years old & not very able to work the next is a boy 13 years old and very weakly of his age the youngest is a girl 8 years old and of no support to me Sworn to and Declared on this 24th day of Feb'y 1823

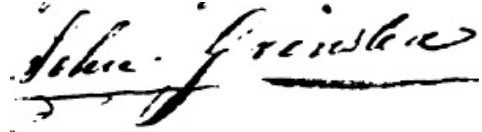
A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Grinstead". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Vernon March 17th 1834

Dear Sir [William H. Richardson, Richmond VA].

Inclosed you will find the proof of my services while in the Service of the United States and you will please to attend to obtaining my land script for my services and forward the same to me and direct the same to Vernon post office Jennings County Indiana, and oblige your old friend late from the State of Virginia

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Grinstead". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Grinstead". There is a horizontal line drawn under the signature.

State of Kentucky } Ss. Personally appeared David Grinstead before the undersigned a Justice
Barren County } of the peace within the Commonwealth of Kentucky & County aforesaid
and made oath that he is well acquainted with John Grinstead from the
year 1763 now aged near 79 years old, knows that when he entered into the revolutionary service in the
Virginia line in the year 1778 for 18 months in Captain Woodsons Company of Infantry, in the 17
Regiment Commanded by Col [Abraham] Buford and afterward the said John enlisted in the service a
second time in year 1780 in Captain Lovel's Company of Infantry in the Regiment Commanded by Col
Posey and continued in the Service of the Country as as a private (2 year of the time acting as orderly
Sergeant) all the above facts are known to this deponent, or has come to his knowledge from
unquestionable authority, and further this deponent saith not David hisXmark Grinsted
Sworn & subscribed before [illegible name] this 1st day of March 1834

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse VA (<http://revwarapps.org/b81.pdf>) includes the following: John Grinstead, age 20, height 5' 6½, light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, farmer, born and residing in Henrico County, drafted for 18 months on 13 April in Fauquier County. He was said to have previously served 18 months in Col. Abraham Buford's regiment.