

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Griffin S35993

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Louisville, State of Kentucky: Nov. the 20th 1819

Before me John P. Oldham one of the Judges of the General Court for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Sole Judge of the Circuit Court of the 5th District of said Commonwealth personally appeared Reuben Griffin an old man about 60 years – of age who being by me first Sworn on the Holy evangelist of Almighty God, Deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a soldier in the Continental Service of the United States of America some time about the month of February 1777 in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in the light dragoon Service commanded by Colonel George Baylor, and afterwards by Colonel William Washington (Baylor being taken prisoner near the break of day by the British Grenadiers) for the term of three years, that he remained and actually served as a soldier for the full term of three years & for some time more, that the Regiment he believes was disbanded at the South when he returned to Virginia & honorably discharged by the said Colonel Baylor. That he is now old & poor & in need of aid from his Country & prays to be placed on the Pension list provided by Law for the relief of the officers & soldiers of the Revolutionary War. That he hereby relinquishes all other Pensions or claim whatever on the United States for his said Services. Given under my hand & seal the day and date first on the other side written.

S/ Jno. P. Oldham

[Attested by Wooden Pope November 20, 1819]

State of Kentucky, Fifth Judicial District: Sct.

On this twentieth day of April 1821 personally appeared in open Court to wit the Jefferson Circuit Court being a superior Court of law and of record with power to fine and imprison and whose proceedings are enrolled & signed, Reuben Griffin, a resident of Jefferson County in said District which said County composes the Jefferson Circuit, aged about sixty years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he first enlisted at Fredericksburg in Virginia for three years in the Army of the United States in Colonel George Baylor's Regiment of light horse or Dragoons at the age of 17 or 18 years; that he marched with the said Regiment to the State of New Jersey and was with the Regiment at the time that it was attacked by the British by surprise with the loss of a number of killed, wounded and prisoners, that the remains of the said Corps, (of which this declarant was one) was afterwards commanded by Colonel William Washington and continued with the northern Army until it was ordered to South Carolina – that previous to his marching to South Carolina he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; and while he served in the Southern Army, he was in the actions of Guilford [March 15, 1781], Cowpens [January 17, 1781], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & some skirmishes -- & that he continued in the service till the end of the war – and he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself

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 18th day of March 1818; and that he has not, nor has any person in trust for him, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him Subscribed to Wit:

One bed of the Value of \$12

One note of one A. Young who is insolvent--
and the declarant never expects to receive the money 33

The declarant has no wife or children living and is a farmer by occupation – has a confirmed pain in one of his arms and in one leg – that in his side was occasioned by a severe hurt, which has caused it to shrink or wither, & which disables him from hard labor.

He is the same person to whom a Certificate of pension was issued on the 20th of November 1819 and numbered 16,860.

S/ Reuben Griffin, X his mark

“I do hereby Certify that I new [sic, knew] Mr. Ruben [sic] Griffin to be in the 3rd Regt. of light dragoons as a soldier in the year 1777, 1778 & 1779 and Part of the year 1780 in the said Regt.

Witness my hand this 11th Day of Oct. 1819

S/ W. Woolfok, Senior [William Woolfolk, Senior]



then Cornet & Quartermaster
to the said 3rd Regt. Of Dragoon”

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 20, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Reuben Griffin S35993

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Griffin, Peter.]

I do hereby Certifie that Reuben Griffen Served three years in the 3^d Regiment of Light Dragoons & was Discharged in october 1781.

Caroline C'ty

June the 26 1783

A Copy J. Shackelford C.[undeciphered]

George Baylor [W5966] Colo
of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry[?]