

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Grindstaff (Grinstaff) S35995

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State of Kentucky

On this 24th day of September 1819 before me, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the State aforesaid personally appeared Michael Grindstaff aged Sixty five years, resident in Jessamine County, in said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions 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 Michael Grindstaff enlisted in the summer or fall of 1781 being a few months before the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Prevard [Alexander Brevard]¹ of the 2nd Battalion of the North Carolina Regular Regiment of the line, on Continental establishment—Having been enlisted in Lincoln County in said State, to serve for twelve months – Colonel Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon] commanded the Regiment and Majors Litle [Archibald Lytle] and Armstrong-- were also in it. That he continued to serve in said Regiment until the 10th of June after the battle of the Eutaw Springs being 12 months or more. He was discharged from service at Campden [sic, Camden] in South Carolina by Col. Dixon, he was in the battles of Guilford [March 15, 1781], & the Eutaw Springs, at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781], & Fort Thompson [probably Thomson's Plantation, February 22, 1781] & Scotch Lake² – And that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for Support, and that has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the accompanying – Having had his discharge destroyed by getting it wet and [illegible word] to pieces – His Captain he understands was still alive in North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, two years ago & perhaps still is.

S/ Michael Grinstaff [sic], X his mark

Sworn to and declared before me, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ B. Mills

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Fayette Circuit

I do state on oath that I am well acquainted with above named Michael Grindstaff. I know that he enlisted and served for 12 months or more in the Revolutionary war as stated by him – as I know of his going into service & coming out again – And I have saw his discharge since he came out of service – Witness my hand this 24th day of September 1819.

¹ [Alexander Brevard BLWt294-300](#)

² This is probably a corruption of "Scott's Lake" which was another term for the fort usually referred to as Fort Watson. [William Algood S41408](#) also says in his pension application that he served in the taking of the fort at 'Scotch Lake' and that the fort was located on the Santee River in South Carolina, near Nelson's Ferry. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_1.html & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html

S/ Jacob Grinstaff, X his mark

Sworn to before me – date above.

S/ B. Mills

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 27th May 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State, that Michael Grindstaff a Corporal in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment entered in 1781 and left the service the 7th of June 1782.

It is believed he served 12 months.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

State of Kentucky Fayette Circuit June Term 1820

Be it remembered that Michael Grinstaff made affidavit in open court and delivered a Schedule of his property amounting to \$123 agreeably to an act of Congress passed the first day of May 1820, Concerning pensioners which is ordered to be entered of record.

District of Kentucky SS Fayette Circuit:

On this 24th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said district of Kentucky and Circuit of Fayette County Michael Grinstaff aged 61 years, resident in Jessamine County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: He entered under Captain Alexander Brevard of the Second Battalion of the North Carolina line, under command of Col. Dixon and General Greene at Salisbury N. C. the spring before the battle of Eutaw Springs, don't recollect the year – to serve for 12 months – was at said battle & the siege of Ninety Six, fort Thompson &c and discharged at the expiration of his time at Camden South Carolina by Colonel Dixon, and 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War” passed 18th day of March 1818; and that I have 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 hereunto annexed and by me subscribed: two head of horse beasts worth \$52 – two cows and calves worth \$30 – 9 or 10 head of hogs and pigs – \$9 – five head of sheep \$5 – Some poultry \$2 – no land, Kitchen furniture \$6 – one bed and furniture and household furniture \$30 -- \$123.00 James Eastin owes me \$41 – one note for \$3 – I owe Isaac Hayes about \$50 – my occupation is farming in a very small way on rented land – my wife aged 50 years is all my family.

S/ Michael Grinstaff, X his mark

Sworn to and declared before me on the 24th day of June 1820.

S/ W. Warren, Circuit Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 24, 1819, for service as a corporal for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]