

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Griffin S38760

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State of South Carolina, Barnwell District

At a court of General Sessions and Common Pleas holden at Barnwell Court House for Barnwell district before William Ellison acting Judge for the South Eastern Circuit in the absence of the Honorable Judge Grimke personally appeared in open court Jesse Griffin and being duly sworn as the law directs deposed and saith that he entered the regular service of the State of South Carolina under the command of Captain William McClintic [William McClintock] in the last of January or the first of February 1777 in the sixth Regiment of South Carolina State Troops under the command of Colonel Thompson Sumter [Thomas Sumter] for three years. When the time had nearly expired Count Pulaski [Kazimir Pulaski] made application to Major General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] Commander of the Southern Army for permission to enlist into his service in his Regiment of dragoons those men who had not more than six months to serve out their time and deponent enlisted under Captain Brown [William Brown] in Pulaski's Regiment in August 1779 during the War and continued in said Regiment until Pulaski was killed at the Siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779] when he passed under the command of Major Vinier,¹ who was killed at Moncks Corner [April 14, 1780]²: and afterwards under the command of Colonel William Washington until General Armon (or Armond)³ came from the North and took the command at Wilmington North Carolina under whose command he continued during the war when he was regularly discharged by order of Congress at York Town Pennsylvania in October 1783. That his discharge was signed by General Armon and Jeffrey Swats [Godfried Swartz] Adjutant of the Regiment and kept by deponent for many years until thinking it would be of no service it has been destroyed. That [he] is now growing old and infirm and is in the low circumstances and stands in need of the allowance allowed by the bounty of the United States to enable him to live during the remainder of his life. That he has spent the prime of his life in the service of his Country and received several wounds and from infirmity and disease is unable to labor for his livelihood.

¹ Major Chevalier Pierre-Francois Vernier of Pulaski's Legion. William Moultrie mentions a "Major Venier" in a letter dated February 26, 1780 to Benjamin Lincoln. The letter is included in Moultrie's memoirs at pp. 52-53. According to Patrick O'Kelley, *Nothing but Blood and Slaughter: The Revolutionary War in the Carolinas, Volume Two: 1780*, (N.p.: Blue House Tavern Press, Booklocker.com, Inc. 2004) (hereinafter cited as O'Kelley, *Slaughter 2*), p. 139-144, the commander of the remnants of Pulaski's Legion at Moncks Corner was Major Chevalier Pierre-Francois Vernier who was killed on April 14, 1780 by troops under the command of Banastre Tarleton.

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moncks_corner.html

³ Sic, Armond [sic, Tuffin Charles Armand, Marquis de la Roueire]

Sworn to before me in open Court this third day of November 1818 and in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to affixed the seal of the court.

S/ E. Ellison Acting Judge of the South Eastern Circuit

S/ Jesse Griffin, X his mark

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[On August 6, 1818, John J. Gray, J. E. Starphin, Thomas Bush, John Betts, Isaac Bush, James Wilson, James McLmurray [?], John K. Johnston, Shadrach Coker and William Bush signed a statement attesting to the property owned by Jesse Griffin as of that date.



A photograph of a document page showing ten handwritten signatures in cursive script, arranged vertically and separated by horizontal lines. The signatures are: Mr. J. Gray, J. E. Starphin, Tho. Bush, John Betts, Isaac Bush, James Wilson, Jas. McLmurray, John K. Johnston, Shadrach Coker, and Wm. Bush. The document is slightly aged and has a vertical crease on the left side.

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South Carolina, Barnwell District

On this 31st day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court Jesse Griffin age Sixty-four years, resident in the District in State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that in the last of January or first of February in the year 1777 he enlisted under Captain William McClintock in the Sixth Regiment of South Carolina commanded by Colonel Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], for three years, in which Regiment he served until August 1779 at which time Count Pulaski made

application to Major General Lincoln for permission to enlist as many of the Infantry who had not over six months to serve into his Corps of Dragoons during the war, that he enlisted under Captain William Brown in said Corps of Dragoons in which Corps he served until Count Pulaski was killed at the siege of Savannah, that he then continued under the command of Major Vernier (who then commanded the Pulaski's Corps) until the Major was killed at Moncks Corner, that he then fell under the command of Colonel William Washington and continued under his command, until General Armand came on from the North and met Colonel Washington at Wilmington North Carolina who had orders to take the command of Count Pulaski's Corps of Dragoons and continued at the same with his Dragoons in which Corps he served until October 1783, at which time he was legally discharged at York Town Pennsylvania, which discharge was signed by General Armand, and Godfrey Swaats adjutant of the Regiment, which said discharge the declarant kept for a number of years but at length thinking it of no Service it was lost or mislaid. That this declarant was in all the battles fought by the different Commanders at the times above stated. That on the day of November 1818 he signed the original declaration and received a pension there upon that his pension Certificate is numbered 5507, 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 otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 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. That I as much as I came pursue the occupation of farming but from age, and having the rim [?] of Biley [?] torn⁴ halfway across my body can do but very little. That Milley (my wife) aged 51 years, from an old hurt in the hip Joint is Quite incapacitated to contribute plentifully to her support. Nancy my Daughter aged 30 years is a cripple in one hand so that she cannot contribute much towards a Support, Diana an old Negro Slave aged about 55 years are all the Persons attached to my family.

Sworn to in open Court before me the 31st October 1820

S/ Orsamus D. Allen, Clerk

S/ Jesse Griffin, J his mark

S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

Schedule

45 Acres of Poor pine Land 75 cts/pr acre	32.7
24 Head of Stock Hogs	48
6 Do of Do Cattle	30
2 pots & 1 Dutch oven	3
1 Ax & 1 Plow	2.50
1 weeding hoe old	.25
1 Drawing Knife	.50
1 pine table	1.00
1 small pine chest	.75
1 Set Knives & forks	.75

rim of Biley torn

1 old washing Tub	.50
1 pale	.37 ½
5 Sitting chairs leather bottoms old	2.50
A small lot of old chrockery	1.50
1 Spinning wheel	1.00
1 pair cotton cards	.50
1 small mare and colt	<u>30.00</u>
	167.87 ½
1 Negro Woman old & infirm	
About 55 years of age	<u>120.00</u>
	287.87 ½
Total amt.	276.62 ½

The above Schedule was sworn to before me in open Court the 31st of October 1820.

S/ Orsamus D. Allen, Clerk

S/ Jesse Griffin, J his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 3, 1818 for service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]