

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Amos Griffin S41590

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for November 1818

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December during the Term aforesaid Amos Griffin aged about sixty-eight years came into open Court for the purpose of making the declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress making provision for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War who being first duly sworn according to law declareth & saith that he was a soldier of the Continental line & engaged in the service of the United States against the Common enemy during the Revolutionary war. That he enlisted in the City of Annapolis State of Maryland early in the year 1781 under a Capt. David Lynn a recruiting Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Regiment during the war, That he was placed under the command of Capt. Francis Revilee [Francis Reveley] of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the Maryland line commanded by Col. John Stewart – that previous to his entering into the Continental service he had performed two tours in the militia service of six months each that after his enlistment as above stated he was marched to the South was at the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] – was a soldier at the siege and surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at little York. That he was discharged sometime in the year 1783 at Annapolis. That during his militia & regular service as aforesaid he received a wound in the arm, thigh & one of his eyes of which he has since become perfectly blind – that he is an [indecipherable word] state of poverty and from his old age & great infirmities unable by manual labor to derive or procure for himself a comfortable subsistence & that he stands in need of the assistance of his Government.

S/ Amos Griffin, X his mark

State of North Carolina Rockingham County: Superior Court of Law Term of the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday after the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of September A.D. 1820

Amos Griffin aged 70 or thereabouts of the County of Rockingham makes oath that he was a private soldier of and in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the Maryland line in the service of the United States that he enlisted under Capt. David Lynn of the said Regiment at the City of Annapolis in the fore part of the summer year 1781 for during the war, that said Regiment was at that time commanded by Col. John Stewart, that he was attached to the company of Capt. Francis Revillee in said Regiment that he continued to serve in the said Regiment in the service of the United States from the time of said enlistment until the August after the close of the revolutionary war, when he was discharged from further service in the said Regiment and the United States Army at the city of Annapolis State of Maryland where he had enlisted – that he was in the battles of

Stono and served in the southern department under General Green [Nathanael Greene] after the taking of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia. That he was at the Siege of York and after that in several skirmishes in the South before his said discharge. That at the Battle of Stono he had a musket ball shot into his thigh and was bayoneted in the arm so that it has never recovered to this day – that he has before obtained a certificate of a pension claim from the war department dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 1819 under which certificate he has received one pension at the office of the United States Bank at Fayetteville – that he had all of his vouchers of service attached to his former Declaration of service heretofore filed in the Department of War and that he now has no other proof of his said service now in his possession – He further swears that he has been a resident & citizen of the United States ever since & previous to the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and now is an Inhabitant of the County of Rockingham – that he has not since that time made over or conveyed away in trust for himself any property or Securities for property or money for the purpose of bringing himself within the act of Congress passed the 18 March 1818 for the purpose of providing for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval Service of the United States during the revolutionary war, nor has he had this time, nor has he had since the said 18 Mar 1818 any property or securities for property of any kind or money in the hands of others in trust for him and from which he expects any benefit or any other specie of property or of securities for property, or money other than is mentioned in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed and sworn to.

A Schedule of the property of Amos Griffin

1 Love worth	...	\$25.00
1 Cow & Calf	do	10.00
1 Sow & Pigs	seven head	7.00
1 Pot (Cracked)	Iron	00.75
1 Oven (Iron)		00.75
1 Pewter Dish		00.75
5 Earthen Plates		00.40
2 dog knives & forks		00.75
2 pewter spoons		00.10
4 Split bottom chairs (red)		00.75
1 old Table		00.25
1 small Skillet		00.25
1 old Chest	1 odd looking glass	6.25
1 old Gun	& 1 small axe	03.00
1 old Piggins	& Hoop	00.25
1 long wood	& 2 Hoop	00.50
1 old Plough	& Coultter	00.75
1 Pair of Carters	Cart & Wheel	01.25
1 Tinnet	for boiling	00.25
		<u>\$54.00</u>

He further swears he is by trade a miller and keeps another man's mill for hire but not able to do much at it owing to his age and infirmity – that he has a wife about 55 years of age subject to

rheumatism and not able to do much for him & family he has 2 boys his sons in family – one 12 the other 15 years of age one daughter living with him & her child 4 years old all of whom live with him and on his support being unable to assist him but Lytle – that he has no other means of support for himself.

S/ Amos Griffin, X his mark

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Auditor's Office, Annapolis, May 1<sup>st</sup> 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the pay-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Amos Griffith [sic] private received from John Hamilton, agent of the Maryland line, the sum of \$\_\_to the\_\_ Also, the sum of \$80 for pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1783 – and also the sum of \$43.30 from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1783 to the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1783 – when his time expired

S/ Thos. Karney, Auditor State Md.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 3, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Maryland Continental line.]