

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Zachariah Griffey (Griffy) S42757  
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The State of Ohio.

In the court of common Pleas of the County of Logan and State aforesaid at the term of august in the year eighteen hundred and twenty seven.

County of Logan Ss. On this Twenty first day of August eighteen hundred and twenty seven, personally appeared in open court here, (the same being a court of Record, and so constituted by the Constitution of the state of Ohio,) for the county aforesaid, Zachariah Griffey resident in said county, aged seventy seven years, (born 5 July 1750) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18 March 1818, and 1<sup>st</sup> may 1820: – That he the said Zachariah Griffey at Fredericksburg in Virginia, on the seventeenth day of august, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six enlisted in the company commanded by Capt — Lewis for the term of three years, in the regiment commanded by colonel Neville [sic: John Nevill], in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment. That about the first of December seventeen hundred and seventy seven, at Middlebrook in [blank; New Jersey], on the condition of having a furlough of three months and a further bounty of five Dollars, he reenlisted in the company commanded by Captain Colman Minness [sic: Holman Minnis] in the regiment commanded by Col'l. Neville in the said line to serve during the war being at that time in Woodfords [William Woodford's] Brigade. – he was afterward transferred to the company commanded by Capt James Buckner, in the regiment commanded by Col Wm Heath [sic: William Heth] (in [Gen. Charles] Scott's Brigade) and line aforesaid and this was at the expiration of his furlough in Feb'y 1778. – that he continued to serve in the said last named corps until he was taken prisoner at the capture of Charleston in south Carolina in the year 1780 [12 May] — that he continued a prisoner with the enemy until about the evacuation of Charleston, in the year seventeen hundred & eighty two, whence on the night of the 10<sup>th</sup> of November he escaped to Gen. [Nathanael] Greene's army which then lay at Ashley's ferry on Ashley River, where he received a pass to come home.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state, except Virginia; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: Being of a vigorous constitution he was enabled to support himself by the labour of his hands but being gradually disabled by the increasing pain of his wounds – one in the thigh at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and one in the leg at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – which induced him to make application for a pension in the autumn of 1825 from which time to the present he has been delayed by the inaccurate manner in which his applications have been made.

And, in pursuance of the act of 1<sup>st</sup> may 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 – Towit. on the said 18 march 1818 I owned a horse of the value of about thirty five Dollars which in 1822 I bartered the same for another and younger horse worth about Twenty five dollars, which I now have: and from said 18 march 1818 to this day I have not had, nor have I now, any other property except my clothes.

My occupation has been, and as far as my strength admits, is now that of a labourer on a farm. I have two daughters of the ages of nine and five years each, now living with me their mother being dead, and they are unable to contribute to their support. My residence is now with a son in law, who has a large family,

to whom I am unwilling to be a burden even if he were able to support me which he is not.

Zachariah hisXmark Griffey

For the purpose of obtainig the benefit of an act of congress for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution approved on the 15 May 1828, I, Zachariah Griffy of the county of Logan and State of Ohio do hereby declare that I enlisted in the continental line of the army of the revolution for and during the war and continued in its servise until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Buckners company in the — Regiment (commanded by Colonel Heath in the [blank] line. And I further declare that I never was on any pension list of the united states.

[29 Aug 1828]

Zachariah hisGmark Griffy

[29 Aug 1828] Before me William Douglas a Justice of the Peace in the County of Logan and State of Ohio came Thomas Stanage [Thomas Stannage (Steenags, Stenage), pension application S4905] who is generally reputed to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and who makes oath that he knew Zachariah Griffy of the County aforesaid at the time said Griffy was a private in captain Buckners Company in the Regiment commanded by Col. Heath in the Virginia Line in which said Regiment this deponant served in the company of Captain Bealle. That he knew said Griffy from the winter the army lay at Valley forge [1777-78] till the capture of Charleston when this deponent and said Griffy were taken priseners that they remained in prison ships in the port of Charleston for about thirteen months that when the prisoners in said ships were about the close of the war to be transported to England this deponant and said Griffy were separated. this deponant was taken to england and after serving some years in the british navy he returned to the United States and on moving to this Country some years ago he found said Griffy a resident of the same – which was in the year 1814 and this deponant further saith not — Thomas Stanage

[16 Oct 1828] Jacob Richards [S40334] of Goshen Township Champaign County [OH], makes oath and says that he knew Zachariah Griffy (who now lives in Logan county) as a soldier in Col Heath's Regiment in the Revolutionary army, at Petersburg Virginia the summer before the capture of Charleston South carolina, the year he does not recollect – he knew him during a period of some months say from May to November. Signed Jacob hisXmark Richards

NOTE: Griffey's pension certificate was issued 5 Aug 1829.