

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Griffin S47201

VA

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Virginia, to wit:

On this 23rd day of September 1833, Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting, James Griffin a resident of the said County and State aforesaid, aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States in the month of February 1779 as a substitute for his father Anthony Griffin, and marched from the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia, where he then resided, in a company of drafted Militia under the command of Captain Goode and Lieutenant Bacon passed through the County of Halifax and entered the State of North Carolina, and rendezvous'd at Salisbury and joined the Regiment under Colo [David] Mason at that place, and I was transfered to Captain Peter Rogers' company of Militia from Halifax County Virginia and marched with him in the said Regiment under Colo. Mason and many other officers I do not now recollect, to Charlotte town, from thence to Camden in South Carolina, from thence we marched to Stone ferry [sic: Stono Ferry SC], and joined the main Army under Genl [Benjamin] Lincoln, we were stationed at or near that place about five months, during of the time a battle was fought, I believe in the month of July [Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779], at Stono, in which Lieut. Jaby of Captain Rogers Company was shot through the knee and died from the wound. I was taken sick and was carried from near Stono Camden and put into a Hospital at that place, where I remained until our term of service being for six months expired, when the company to which I was attached reached Camden about the first of September 1779 I was discharged, by whom I cannot positively say, the discharge, I then recd. is lost or mislaid and cannot be found. I do not recollect any man living that was acquainted with me when in that service, but the service is proved by Mrs Sally McGroger who well remembers that I entered the service &c. The time of service rendered on this tour was not less than six months. In addition to the above service, I was called out with the militia when Tarlton's troop of Horse entered the County of Prince Edward [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, July 1781] and served ten or twelve days, the time when this service was rendered I cannot now remember. I was born in the County of Charlotte in the state of Virginia, I suppose in the year 1760. I have no record of my age but from the best information I can obtain from persons that have always known me I am seventy three years old. I lived in the County of Charlotte when I entered the Service of the Revolutionary war. I lived in that County when the war ended. I have lived in the Counties of Lunenburg and Prince Edward Va. since the war. I have lived in the County of Halifax about forty years and still lives in that County.

Colo. Charles T Harris, Captain Isaac Medley, Captain Samuel Dixon, Jeremiah Farmer and many others can testify as to my character for veracity, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. There is no clergyman living in my neighbourhood. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.      James Griffin

NOTES:

On 14 Sep 1833 "Salley McGrigger" stated that she lived with Anthony Griffin in Charlotte County in February 1779 when he was drafted for six months, and his son, James Griffin, substituted for him.

On 15 Aug 1853 James Griffin, Jr., 74, of Southampton County VA, applied for a pension as the only child of James Griffin, Sr., who died in Southampton County on 8 Oct 1841. He stated that his mother, Peny Griffin, died on 16 March 1834. William Oney [pension application S18147], age 94, certified that "James or James E Griffin," the soldier, married Peny Bradshaw on 3 Dec 1774.