

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Griffin [Griffith] S6919

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this 28th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Mecklenburg County and State of North Carolina opened and held on the 4th Monday of November A.D. 1832 and now sitting – Richard Griffin a resident of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina aged about Seventy six 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 – to wit: he was born as he has been informed and believes in the year 1756 in Chatham County and State of North Carolina, that he has no record of his age – when small he removed with his father to the State of Georgia on the Ogeechee [River] and removed to the State of South Carolina and was living on Pacolet River in Spartanburg district when the War of the Revolution commenced – that while there he volunteered under Captain Irby for six months during the fall or winter of 1780, that he marched towards Camden and from thence to Bull's Island and returned by Columbia, and joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] before the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]¹ – in which Battle he was in under the command of said Captain Irby – where he was wounded, served out his time of six months and was discharged by Colonel Washington [William Washington] and Morgan – this discharge he has lost – after he was discharged by General Morgan as aforesaid he removed to the State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County. He again volunteered under Captain John Welsh and under Major Crawford – that most of the time he was stationed in the County of Mecklenburg and was what was then called minute men. This was in the same year of the battle of the Cowpens to wit some time in the year 1781, as he well remembers that his wound was hardly [sic, hardly?] or scarcely well when he again volunteered under Major Crawford, he served out his time under the said Major Crawford but was not in any battle while under him – the said men under Crawford being stationed in the County of Mecklenburg near the South Carolina line to over awe the Tories, that the time for which he volunteered under Captain Welsh for was for three months, this time he served out and was regularly discharge by Major Crawford on Cane Creek near the South Carolina Line – this discharge he has lost – the whole time that he served was about nine months. He has no documentary evidence of his services as above mentioned but refers to the Certificates annexed as the proof of what is necessary to establish the fact of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Griffith, R his mark [sic]

I John Irby residing in Lincoln County hereby certify that the said Richard Griffin served under me

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

who was his Captain as he lay aged and was with me for six months, and was in the Battle of the Cowpens.

S/ John Irby²



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[John Ingram Esq. and Thomas P. Dillon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

On this 28 day of February 1834 personally appeared Before the Court now sitting Richard Griffin a Resident of the State and County of aforesaid aged 77 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated he volunteered in the October he thinks in 1779 as a regular for 18 months under Captain John Welch and marched from Edisto South Carolina on near Camden and Joined Colonel Joseph Washington's Regiment under him we marched to the mouth of Cooper River in South Carolina and was stationed there three or four months under them he marched to Bull's Island South Carolina and was stationed there three or four months and he marched to Columbia and was stationed there a while and then he went on to the head of Pacolet and was stationed there a while and there we were reinforced by General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and there on the 17th day of January 1781 we fought at the Battle of the Cowpens³ and part of the 18 months he served under Captain John Irby and after the Battle of the Cowpens he marched into North Carolina and was discharged by Captain John Welch which discharge is lost he was discharged he thinks in February 1781 and then in the Spring of 1781 he substituted for a man by the name of George Laney and served a Tour of six months under said Captain Welch and Joined Major Crafford [sic] and he was stationed at Cane Creek in South Carolina all the six months and three months he was compelled by order of his Commanding officer work at the Blacksmith's Trade as a Striker which was considered part of his six months Tour as a substitute and was discharged by Captain Welch in August 1781 in South Carolina he served in all 24 months and he further declares on oath that he applied for a pension under the act of June 7th 1832 and he was advised that that the Term of nine months was sufficient to draw full pay and he only put nine months of his service in the former declaration and he declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State Except that of North Carolina was placed there by the act of Congress 7th June 1832. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first above mentioned.

S/ Richard Griffin, R his mark

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared before me John M. Ingram a Justice of the peace in and for said County John Irby a resident of Lincoln County and State of North Carolina and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with the applicant Richard Griffin and that he was personally knowing to the services of the said Richard Griffin in the Revolutionary war and his statement relative to the whole of his Service is True for he served with him for some considerable Time Before the Battle of the Cowpens and also after the Battle and the said Richard Griffin was wounded in the Battle of the Cowpens by a bayonet Being stuck in his left thigh by the Enemy and he would have killed him had he

² [John Irby W5003](#)

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

not been shot down by the Ensign McMga [?] Hogen the Ensign of the Company that he the subscriber John Irby had the Command of. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of April 1834.

S/ John Irby

S/ John M. Ingram, JP

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Chatham County North Carolina in 1757

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I had a Record of my [age] but have lost it

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I lived in South Carolina when called into service and have lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina where I now have ever since the Revolutionary War.

How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I volunteered and Substituted for man by the name of George Laney I was acquainted [with] Colonel Washington, General Morgan and General Gree [sic, Greene?]

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I did receive a discharge from the service from Captain John Welch and have lost it.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first above written.

S/ Richard Griffin, R his mark

[Zachariah Sterns, a clergyman, and Joshua Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. The veteran also served in the South Carolina militia.]