

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Grigg S6932

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State of Virginia County of Dinwiddie: SS

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Dinwiddie now sitting Josiah Grigg a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-one years the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May [word written over and illegible] 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1779 in the County of Nottoway (as it is now called, but which was at that time a part of the County of Amelia, having since been taken from it) in which he was born & resided until after the termination of the revolutionary War and until about eleven years since when he removed to the County of Dinwiddie where he has ever since resided. That in the time of numbers of which the militia was drafted, he drew No. 10, & was called out as a private along with others of that number in 1779 early in that year under Captain Thomas Short of that County – that he believes his Lieutenant was Thomas Gray but of this he does not at this length of time profess to be positive, & he has no recollection of the Ensign. The company was marched to Petersburg & were stationed at Blandford old Church just below that place where they remained until the company was discharged. From memory he finds himself unable to say certainly in this instance & as positively as he can in relation to the subsequent tours, how long he at that time remained in service, but from the fact that the usual duration of a tour of duty at that time was three months & his not recollecting that his company was discharged before the regular expiration of the tour – nor of any cause – to have rendered it necessary or proper he refers that he then served for that period. That the Colonel who commanded the Regiment on this occasion was Colonel Vivian Brooking of Amelia (that part which still retains the name).

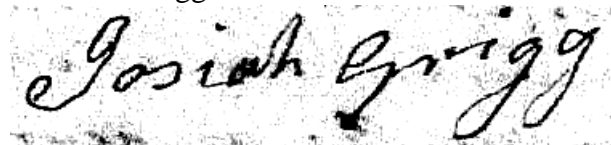
The second tour of duty was performed in the next year – 1780 – as a private (as on each occasion) under Captain William Fitzgerald of the same County. – Does not remember the subalterns – was marched first to Cabin Point on James River, in Surry, & after remaining stationed there for some time – then to James Town – having crossed the River at Swann's Point over to the North side, where they remained until discharged – at the expiration as he believes of their regular tour of duty Captain Edward Mumford [Edward Munford] from Amelia commanded another company of militia from that County which was with the former the whole time. He understood that General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] with the regulars had the engagement with the enemy at James Town just before he was marched down, but he & his troops had marched from that place before they (the Militia) arrived & they did not meet with the enemy during the tour.

The third requisition in which he served was in 1781 – when No. 10 was again called out, when he marched under Captain Freeman Eppes of same County to the South to join General Green [Nathanael Greene] – that his Major on this tour was Cunningham and his Colonel Randolph – does not recollect the Christian name of either and the Brigadier General to whose command his Regiment was attached was named Lawson [Robert Lawson]. That they joined Greene at Hall River [Haw River] in Guilford County North Carolina – Cornwallis at the time advancing from Charleston towards Virginia had gotten to Dan River. That he was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] – under the officers above enumerated – & will carry to his death the gratifying recollection that on that occasion he did his duty – fought it out by the side of his officers & did not as he regrets to say some did – run away. He recollects that Colonel Randolph reported after the action that the general engagement (excluding of coarse skirmishes & pickets & outposts) continued for 2 hours & 27 minutes. That his right hand & left hand man fell in the engagement but that he received no wounds himself during the war. That his company was discharged at Deep River in North Carolina having served about two months, as nearly as he can recollect.

After his return home he was very soon called out again to go to York under Captain Rowland Ward, Lieutenant John Townes – Ensign not recollected – that the company marched to Little York where they found Lord Cornwallis invested – the French fleet in the River under Admiral de Grasse &c but the operations of the Siege not commenced – General Washington not having yet arrived from the North. That he continued in the service until the termination of the siege [October 19, 1781] & was discharged at Falmouth on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. That his Colonel was named Edmonds. That after the surrender of the British forces a detachment from several companies worlds detailed to guard a portion of the prisoners to Winchester & that he was one sow detailed & went under Captain Vaughan [perhaps Robert Vaughan] as far as Falmouth, when his three months expiring those who had belonged to Ward's Company were discharged. He here exhibits the discharge given him by Captain Vaughan, but is unable to find any for either of the other tours – not having regarded them as being of any value & that it is by accident he preserved that he came across this one among some old papers. That he has never seen a Register of his age, but has always heard that it was as above stated, & does not doubt it. – That most of those with whom he served have long since died – & although some hard no doubt alive who served each tour with him – yet if so, he does not know them or their residence. He offers however the Affidavit [of] William Crenshaw & John Leath, two of his fellow soldiers in the Southern campaign, whose testimony is applicable to that service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever. That there is no minister of the gospel resident in his neighborhood or near him.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Josiah Grigg

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josiah Grigg". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Thomas Watkins, Joel Griggs, J. S. Connell, Green B Hamlet and Joseph J Connell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I do hereby certify that I have heard Josiah Grigg frequently state of being in the war when

American independence was obtained I have also heard my father say that he was in service I have no doubt but the petition which I have this day seen which he says he intends to offer to done witty court contains the truth as near as any person possibly could have from the long time passed.

15<sup>th</sup> of November 1832

S/ David Vaughan, Nottoway County

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Nottoway County to wit

This day William Crenshaw and John Leath both of the County of Nottoway came before me, a justice of the peace, for the said County and made oath that Josiah Grigg a native of the County of Nottoway, but now residing in the County of Dinwiddie, Virginia, did serve a Tour of duty in the year 1781 to the South, and was in the battle of Guilford Courthouse; that the Tour was of about two months duration, they both having served the same Tour, and in the said Battle. Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832

S/ Samuel Morgan

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State of Virginia Dinwiddie County Sc.

Personally appeared before the justices of the County Court of Dinwiddie in open Court on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833, Josiah Grigg, who in addition to his former Declaration hereto appended deposes & states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, more particularly than he has already done, nor the periods of the war in which he served having stated all he distinctly recollects on that point, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the grade there stated; for twelve months as a private for which service he claims a pension: And from the same cause he cannot state the name of any other Regular Officer – or of any other Continental or Militia Regiment, with which he was in service; & in response to the 7<sup>th</sup> interrogatory propounded to him – that he cannot refer to any person in his present neighborhood who can testify in his behalf other than those whose certificates have already been given to the Court.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Josiah Grigg

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service.]