

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Griggs S6933

f24NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

6/28/06 rev'd 11/8/15

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 5]

State of North Carolina, Currituck County: SS

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Caleb Etheridge, John B. Jones, William Bray and Benjamin T. Simmons, Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina now setting Charles Griggs of the County and State aforesaid of the age of Seventy four Years who being 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 7th June 1832.

He saith that he entered the service of the Revolution in the North Carolina line of Militia in May 1777 and served Three Years and was discharged. He has the original discharge signed on the first of August 1781 by Thomas Pasteur Lieutenant of the Company in which he served & by Robert Mibane [Robert Mebane] Lt. Colonel of the third regiment under whom he served which discharge set out the time he has served and the pay he received and the amt. due. This discharge he is ready to produce when and where he shall be called upon and he deems it unnecessary to prove by any other means his service tho. he can prove when he enlisted by Colonel John Williams of Currituck who was present when he received his bounty and knows he was absent and reported to be in the service.

He hereby Relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not in the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and Year aforesaid.

(Signed) Charles Griggs¹

[Edward Hardy, a clergyman, and Foster Jarvis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 22]

By Rob^t. Mebane, Esq^r. Lt. Col Comd^t. of third N.C. Reg^t.

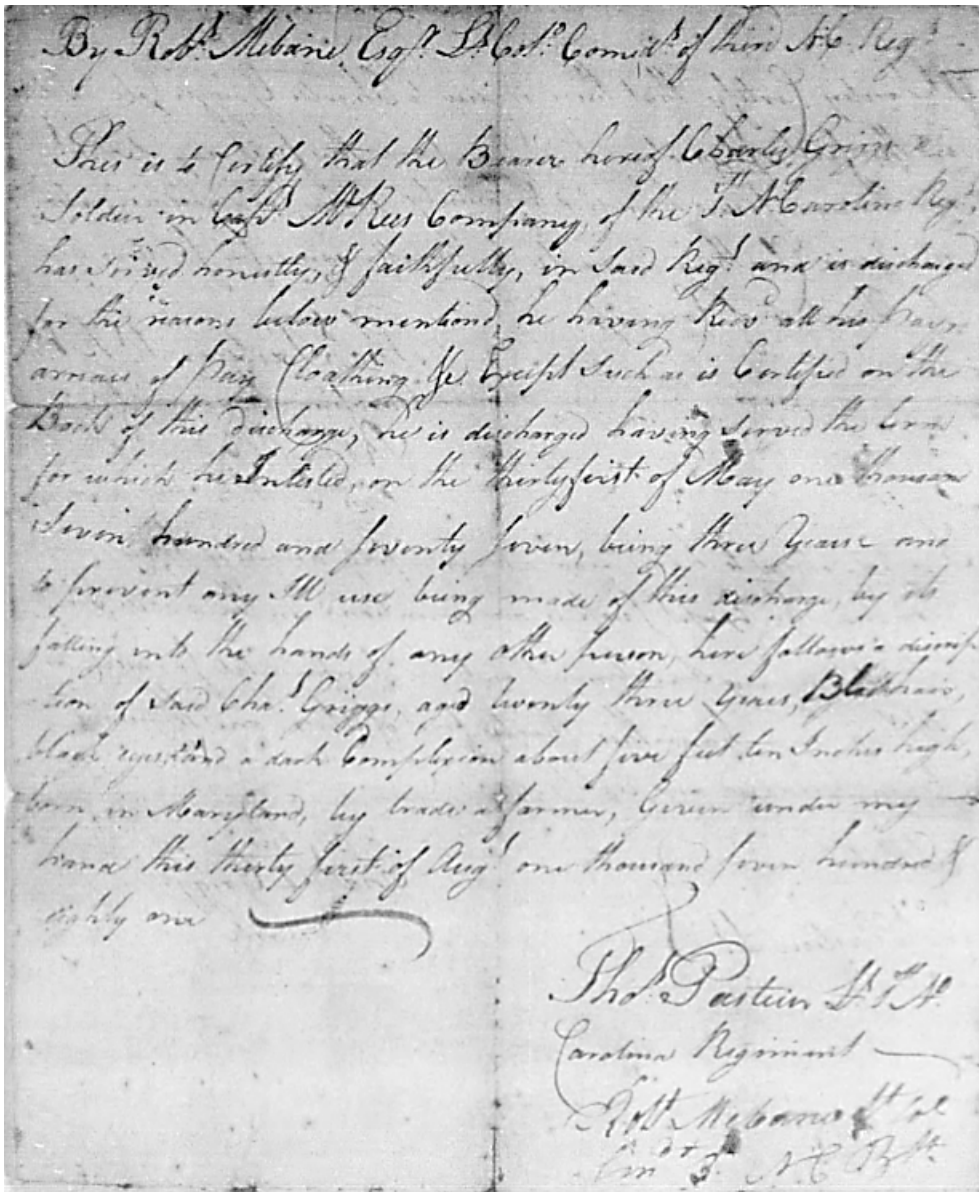
This is to Certify that the Bearer hereof Charles Griggs, a soldier in Cap^t. McKees [Griffith John McKee's] Company, of the 1st N. Carolina Reg^t. has served honestly & faithfully in said Reg^t. and is discharged for the reason below mentioned, he having recv^d. all his pay, arrears of pay, Clothing etc. except such as is Certified on the Back of this discharge, he is discharged having served the term for which he Inlisted, on the thirty first of May one thousand Seven hundred and seventy seven, being three Years and to prevent any Ill use being made of this discharge by its falling into the hands of any other person, here follows a discription of said Cha^s. Griggs, aged

¹ Not the actual signature of the veteran in my opinion because (1) the handwriting of the signature is the same as the body of the application, and (2) the veteran signed his name with his mark in other documents in the file.

twenty three Years, Black hair, black eyes and a dark Complexion² about five feet ten Inches high, born in Maryland, by trade a farmer. Given under my hand this thirty first of Aug^t. one thousand seven hundred & eighty one.

S/ Tho^s. Pasteur L^t. 1st No. Carolina Regiment

S/ Rob^t. Mebane L^t. Col. Com^{dr}. 3^d N.C. R^{gt}.



[reverse]

I hereby Certify that there is due to Charles Griggs, late Soldier in the first N. Carolina Reg^t. pay from the first day of Aug^t. one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine, as a soldier, also one Years Clothing agreeable to the allowance for Soldiers by the Resolves of Congress.

S/ Tho^s. Pasteur L^t. 1st No. Carolina Regiment

S/ Rob^t. Mebane L^t. Col. Cm^d. 3^d N.C. R^{gt}.

I acknowledge to have rec^d. all my pay arrears of Pay Clothing & (Except such as are mentioned in the above Certificate) since my Inlistment into the Continental Service, as Witness my hand this thirty first of Aug^t. one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one.

² Veteran is listed in the 1790-1830 census reports as being a white, free person living in Currituck County, NC

S/ Cha^s. Griggs, X his mark

Attest

Tho^s. Pasteur Lt.

I hereby Certify that there is due to Charles Griggs late soldier
in the first North Carolina Reg^t pay from the first day of Aug^r
one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine, as a soldier, also
one year's Clothing agreeable to the allowance for soldiers by
the Resolves of Congress

Tho^s Pasteur Lt.
North Carolina Regiment
17th Reg^t North Carolina
17th Aug^r 1779

I acknowledge to have received all my pay arrears of pay
(Clothing & Exp^t) such as are mentioned in the above Certif^{icate}
(late) since my enlistment into the Continental service, as
Witness my hand this thirty first of Aug^r one thousand
seven hundred and eighty one

Attest
Tho^s Pasteur Lt.

Cha^s Griggs
mark

[Facts in file: The veteran died July 28, 1838 in Currituck County North Carolina leaving a widow, her name is not given. In 1855 there is evidence that the widow was dead and that 4 children were living at that time in Currituck County North Carolina but their names are not given in the documents in the file. The file contains a letter dated November 28, 1856 in which inquiry is made as to whether or not the widow of a son of a revolutionary soldier is entitled to anything under the pension laws; the correspondent states that the son of the soldier died leaving a widow with 3 children (not named).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

S6933

By Rob^t. Mebane, Esq^r. Lt. Col Comd^r. of third N.C. Reg^t.

This is to certify that the Bearer hereof **Charles Griggs**, a soldier in **Cap^t. M^cKees** Company, of the 1st N. Carolina Reg^t. has served honestly & faithfully in said Reg^t. and is discharged for the reason below mentioned, he having recv^d. all his pay, arrears of pay, Clothing etc. except such as is Certified on the Back of this discharge, he is discharged having served the term for which he Inlisted, on the thirty first of May one thousand Seven hundred and seventy seven, being three Years and to prevent any Ill use being made of this discharge by its falling into the hands of any other person, here follows a discription of said **Cha^s. Griggs**, aged twenty three Years, Black hair, black eyes and a dark Complexion about five feet ten Inches high, born in Maryland, by trade a farmer. Given under my hand this thirty first of Aug^t. one thousand seven hundred & eighty one.

/s/ **Tho^s. Pasteur** L^t. 1st No. Carolina Regiment

/s/ **Rob^t. Mebane** L^t. Col. Com^{dr}. 3^d N.C. Rg^t.

I hereby Certify that there is due to **Charles Griggs**, late Soldier in the first N. Carolina Reg^t. pay from the first day of Aug^t. one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine, as a soldier, also one Years Clothing agreeable to the allowance for Soldiers by the Ru ____ of Congress.

/s/ **Tho^s. Pasteur** L^t. 1st No. Carolina Regiment

/s/ **Rob^t. Mebane** L^t. Col. Cm^d. 3^d N.C. Rg^t.

I acknowledge to have recv^d. all my pay arrears of Pay Clothing & (Except such as are mentioned in the above Certificate) [smudge] my Inlistment into the Continental Service, as Witness my hand this thirty first of Aug^t. one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one.

/s/ **Cha^s. [his x mark] Griggs**

Attest

Tho^s. Pasteur Lt.

State of North Carolina
Currituck County

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before **Caleb Etheridge, John B. Jones, William Bray** and **Benjamin T. Simmons**, Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina now setting **Charles Griggs** of the County and State afores^d. of the age of seventy four Years who being 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 7th June 1832. He saith that he entered the service of the Revolution in the North Carolina line of Militia in May 1777 and served Three Years and was discharged. He has the original discharge signed on the first of August 1781 by **Thomas Pasteur** Lieutenant of the Company in which he served & by **Robert Mibane** Lt. Colonel of the third regiment under whom he served which discharge set out the time he has served and the pay he received and the amt. due. This discharge he is ready to produce when and where he shall be called upon and he deems it unnecessary to prove by any other means his service tho he can prove when he enlisted by Colonel **John Williams** of Currituck who was present when he received his bounty and knows he was absent and reported to be in the service.

He hereby Relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not in the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and Year aforesaid.

Signed **Charles Griggs** We **Edward Hardy** a clergyman residing in the County of

Currituck and **Foster Jarvis** of the same County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with **Charles Griggs** who hath sworn and subscribed to the above declaration and that we believe him to be of the age of seventy four Years and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and Year aforesaid.

(signed) **Edward Hardy**

(signed) **Foster Jarvis**

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the Court further Certify that it appears to them **Edward Hardy** and **Foster Jarvis** are both clergymen and creditable persons and that their statement are entitled to credit.

I **Spence Hall** Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions for the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of **Charles Griggs** for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office this 12th day September A.D. 1832.

/s/ **S. Hall**, C.C.C.

State of North Carolina }
Currituck County }

I **Spence Hall** Clerk of the County of Currituck Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the annexed paper contains a copy of the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of **Charles Griggs** for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office this the 7th May 1833.

/s/ **S. Hall**, C.C.C. **William B. Shepard** reported that **Charles Griggs** of Currituck County State of No. Carolina sometime in the month of August 1833 deposited with him his discharge as a soldier of the revolutionary army and requested him to forward the same to the Pension office Washington City. Said **Shepard** further states that he neglected to do so and has lost or mislaid the paper, that he has made several ineffectual searches for it.

/s/ **Will B. Shepard**

Nov 22nd 1833

To **J.L. Edwards**, Esq.
Pension Office

N. Carolina 27.809

Charles Griggs

Currituck Co. in the State of N. Carolina who was a Private in the [nothing written in] commanded by Captain [nothing written in] of the Regt. commanded by **Col. Mibane** in the N. Carolina line for 3 years.

Inscribed on the Roll of North Carolina at the rate of 80 Dollars ____ cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 23 day of May 1834 and sent to **Wm. B. Shepard**.

Arrears to the 4th of March 1834	240.00
Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 Sep 1834	40.00
	\$280.00

Recorded by **D. Brown**, Clerk
Book E; Vol. 67; Page 56

Washington City
May 23rd 1834

J.L. Edwards Esq.

Sir,

Enclosed I send you **Chas. Griggs** discharge which I thought I had sent to the office some weeks ago but in the hurry of business I had laid aside. I hope this discharge may remove all doubts about his right to a pension.

Your Obt. Svt.

Wm. B. Shepard

Treasury Department
Second Comptroller's Office
April 26, 1840

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April 1838, entitled "An act of directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," The widow of **Charles Griggs**, a Pensioner on the Roll of the N. Carolina Agency, at the rate of Eighty Dollars per annum, under the law of the 7th June 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4th of March to the 28th July 1838, the day of his death.

Respectfully yours,

Albion K. Parris, Comptroller

Paid at the Treasury under the Act of the 6th April 1838 from 4 March to 28 July 1838 the day of his death. Ag^t. notified 1 May 1840.

Wilson F. Dozier - June 7, 1855

Wm. D. Chaddic - Jan^y 13/57

Princess Anne County, Va.
May 23, 1855

Ho. **L.P. Waldo**, Esq., Commissioner of Pensions

Dear Sir,

I have been authorized by the heirs of **Charles Griggs** who was a volunteer in the Revol. war under **General Waine?** and did receive seventy dollars per annum during his life the said **Griggs** died in the year 1838 he lived and died in Currituck County of North Carolina and left four children who lives in the said County and State and has not received any thing since the death of their father and their mother is dead also and should be glad if you would search the roll and write me a letter weather they are entitled to any thing or not and how much [smudge]. Please direct your letter to Blossom hill Princess Anne County, Va.

Yours with Respect,

Wilson F. Dozier

N.C. Nov. 28/56
Powells Point Currituck County

Dear Sir,

I wish you if you please to inform me if the widow of the son of a revolutionary soldier is intitled to eny thing or not, for the service of her father enlaw. The son of the soldier leaves a widow an three children. She does not know eny of the commanding officers naims. She only recolicks of hering her husband conversing about thare hard survitute through the war of 1776. She recolects of one battle wich they menseond that they were in at aplace cald the Greate Bridge in Va. The soldier wich reseaved his pay up to his death was **Charls Griggs**, the other wich did not reseave his pay was **Wm. Tompson**.

Yours respectfully,
Wm. D. Chaddic

To **J. Minot** Esqr.
Washington, D.C.

Bainbridge, Ga.
Aug. 14, 1928

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: - Will you kindly send me the revolutionary war service of **Charles Griggs - William Gudger** and **William Morgan**, all soldiers from North Carolina.

Yours truly,
Miss **Wandsleigh Hooper**
Box 118
Bainbridge, Georgia

April 8, 1929

Miss **Wandsleigh Hooper**
Box 118, Bainbridge
Georgia

Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.6933, it appears that **Charles Griggs** enlisted, May 31, 1777, and served in Colonel **Robert Mebane's** North Carolina Regiment and was discharged, August 31, 1781.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 29, 1832, at which time he was living in Currituck County, North Carolina, aged seventy-four years.

He died, July 28, 1838, in said county, leaving a widow, her name is not given.

In 1855, it is stated that the widow was dead, and that four children were living at that time in Currituck County, North Carolina, their names are not given.

Respectfully,
E.W. Morgan, Acting Commissioner