

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Grice S6934

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Term 1832

On this 6th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of said Court now sitting William Grice a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-eight 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated Viz. in the month of June 1780 he volunteered as a private soldier in Captain William Ellis is Company in the County of Bladen State aforesaid that James Johnson was Lieutenant of said Company which joined Colonel Thomas Brown's Regiment at Elizabethtown Bladen County was marched thence to the Big Bridge on the North East branch of the Cape Fear River where we joined the troops under General Lillington's [John Alexander Lillington's] command the British troops having been stationed near the Town of Wilmington a few days after we arrived at the Big Bridge Colonel Brown marched in the direction of Wilmington where we had a skirmish [Engagement at Heron's Bridge, January 30, 1781]¹ with a detachment of British troops in which we lost 13 men we then returned to the Big Bridge from where we were marched through the Counties of Duplin, Sampson, Cumberland & Bladen in search of the Tories, who had been committing depredations in these Counties, that he continued to serve in Captain Ellis's company until the close of the War he having volunteered as a minute [man?] for that period the company to which he was attached was most generally employed after that time in pursuit of the Tories during which Service he was in several skirmishes with them one at Jno Sullons [John Sutton's ?] in Bladen another at Gaddis Bridge on Big Creek in Cumberland County in the former we lost one man killed & another wounded in the latter three of our men were wounded these are as many particulars of his service as he recollects though he is confident that he served at least two years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Grice, X his mark

Test: S/ D. McDiarmid, Clk

The following Answers were returned to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

1st I was born in the County of Sampson on the 10th of May 1764.

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_herons_bridge.html

2nd I have no record of my age

3rd I was living in Bladen County when I entered the Service whence [?] Haskell be for me that is that from a live oin Cumberland County I have lived ever since & now live in Cumberland County.

4th I have already answered this Question

5th In addition to those named I knew General Kenan, Colonel Dodd & Captain James Love, Officers in the Militia Service also Colonel Thomas Owen of Bladen

6th I have never received a discharge

7th I would refer to Colonel Charles McAlister, Rev'd David Thomas of Cumberland County & John Hair Esquire of Bladen County

[p 19: David Thams, a clergyman, and John Hair gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

John Parker² personally appeared before the me one of the Justices of the Peace assigned for said County & maketh oath that he is well acquainted with William Grice of Cumberland County that he knew said Grice during the Revolutionary War & served with said Grice in Captain William Ellis's Company of Volunteers for six months and this was about one year before the close of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 20th day of November 1832.

S/ Joshua Jessop, JP

S/ John Parker, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions March Term 1833

On this 4th day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the said Court William Grice a resident of said County aged Sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath in addition to a declaration heretofore made at December Term 1832 of said Court, make the further Declaration as to the time he served in the Army during the Revolutionary War, that is he entered the Service in the month of June 1780 as stated in his previous Declaration and continued in the Service as a minute man up to the close of the War, that during this time he was at home but a very short time only going there to get himself some clothing, he is certain that from the time he entered the service up to the close of the War he was not at home putting all together more than one month. He having entered the Service as a volunteer during the War. And he further declares that as to the proof of his service in addition to the affidavit of John Parker which he has heretofore up cane he is not aware of the testimony of any other person that he can procure as to his services unless it be James Cain³ & Arch'd McDaniel⁴ who sometimes since resided in the County of Bladen both of whom however if now alive are so old & infirm that he cannot rely on their testimony with certainty. That he claims a Pension for two years Service.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Grice, X his mark

S/ D. McDiarmid, Clk

2 [John Parker W10856](#)

3 [James Cain W5891](#)

4 [Archibald McDaniel R6676](#)

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Personally appeared before Me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Cumberland & State of North Carolina William Grice of said County who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than two years as a private Soldier and for such Service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 18th day of May 1833

S/ John Averett, J. P.

S/ William Grice, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County and State aforesaid William Grice who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory cannot swear positively as to the length of his Service as a private soldier during the revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection he served as hereinafter stated. That is to say in the spring of the year 1780, he entered the service & served six months under Captain William Ellis whose company was attached to Colonel Brown's Regiment, that a short time after his return home from this Service he again volunteered under Captain Ellis & served a tour of three months this was in the winter & spring of 1780 & 1781. That about a month after his discharge from this service he again volunteered and served three months under Captain Ellis who was attached to Colonel Richardson's Regiment this was in the spring & summer of 1781, in the summer & fall of the same year he served another tour of three months under Captain Ellis who was attached to Colonel Richardson's Regiment during the foregoing Services he was stationed at the Big Bridge New Hanover at Elizabeth town & at the Beaver Dam Bladen County, & was employed against the British & Tories. That after the foregoing Services were performed he was frequently called out by Captain Ellis-- Served tours of some times they months or six weeks during the following year save the year 1781 the precise number of these tours he does not recollect with sufficient precision to State them though he is confident that putting them together they would make more than six months this with his Service before set forth would make two years at least which he is confident he served in the American Army during the Revolutionary War & for which he claims a Pension.

Sworn to & subscribed or me this the 11th July 1833.

S/ William Grice, X his mark

S/ G. Deming [?], JP

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid William Grice who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service as a private soldier during the Revolutionary War but according to the best of his recollection he served as hereinafter stated, that is to say in the year 1780 he served six months under Captain Ellis this Service commenced about the first of June or last of May & expired about the first of December following. That in a few days after the expiration of this Service he again entered the Service under Captain Ellis & served a tour of three months this Service commenced in December 1780 & expired in March 1781. After remaining home a short time not more than a month he again entered the Service under Captain Ellis & served three months this Service commenced in the month of April 1781 & expired in July 1781. About the

first of August following he again entered the service under Captain Ellis & served three months. He again entered the service under Captain Ellis and served three months this service commenced early in November 1781 in the following year 1782 he was frequently called out by Captain Ellis on tours of sometimes a month & six weeks at a time, the precise [indecipherable word]⁵ of these tours he does not recollect, though he is confident that putting them together they would make at least six months, the several services put together would make two years which he is Confident he served in the Revolutionary War & for which he claims a Pension.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 17th August 1833

S/ Benj. Robinson, JP

S/ William Grice, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia.]