

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philemon Griffith S8617

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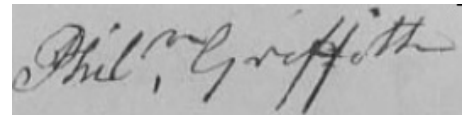
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Maryland, Frederick County, towit.

On this twenty sixth day of July Eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before the subscriber, associate judge of the fifth judicial district of Maryland the undersigned Philemon Griffith, a resident of the county of Frederick, in the state aforesaid, aged seventy five years in August, last past, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

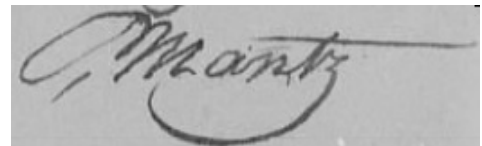
That he entered into service of the Army of the United States, on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1775, for a term of twelve months, as second Lieutenant under the command of Capt. Thomas Price, of Frederick county aforesaid; That two companies from Maryland, (one Capt. Prices') and two companies from Virginia, raised about the same time, were, immediately thereafter sent on to Boston, where the war had just commenced; that after this Deponent's term of twelve months expired, three of the aforesaid companies were formed into a Regiment, under the command of Col. Hugh Stevenson, of Berkley County Virginia [sic: Hugh Stephenson VAS479, Berkeley County], for a term of three years' service; & that this Deponent had the honor of commanding as the first Captain in the said regiment, from July 1776, in which capacity he remained with the said Stevenson for some time; that the direction of the said regiment falling into the hands of Lieutenant Col. Rollins [sic: Moses Rawlings VAS683], (it then being generally called Rollins' regiment) in consequence of the death of the said Col. Hugh Stevenson; in this situation, the greater part of the said regiment were made prisoners at the reduction of the fortress at Mount Washington, on York Island [16 Nov 1776]; that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1776, this Deponent and others were made captives by the British, and so remained until the year 1778; that the said Deponent being released from confinement in the latter part of the spring of the last named year, and finding upon application that he was not provided for, in the then existing continental line of the revolutionary army, and prospect of any such provision taking place, retired from service, with the said Col. Rollings, by resignation, in the latter part of the said year of 1778, making the term of active service, about three years and three months, including the following campaigns, viz. 1775, 1776, 1777, and 1778 – one year as a Lieutenant, about two years and three months as a Captain, but during the latter term of service had the appointment of Major, which was not known to the said Deponent untill after his resignation.

And he hereby declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.



State of Maryland, Frederick County Ss

On this third day of July 1832 personally appeared before me, the undersigned Major Peter Mantz [W26238] a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged about eighty years, being duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, that he knows Philemon Griffith, that the said Philemon Griffith entered as a soldier in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Price in the year seventeen hundred seventy five, and that the said Company did march from Frederick Town in the county aforesaid, in the year aforesaid, that it was then reported, that they were to march to Boston in the state of Massachusetts, and that the said Mantz was an eye witness that Col. Moses Rallings and his Regiment was taken prisoners at Fort Washington on York Island, which he thinks was in October or November seventeen hundred and seventy six,



LAND OFFICE,/ ANNAPOLIS, July 12<sup>th</sup> 1832,

I Certify, that it appears by a Depreciation Pay Roll, remaining in my Office, that Philemon Griffith a Major in Rawlings's Reg of the Maryland Line, received £545.10.5 Depreciation Money, issued to the Maryland quota of troops on Continental Establishment, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1783;

George G. Brewer/ Register Land Office, W. S. Md.

Maryland Sct. At a session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the first Monday of December being the seventh day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and ended the nineteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and nineteen

His Excellency Charles Goldsborough Esquire Governor Among others the following resolution was passed

No 57 By the House of Delegates/ December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1818.

Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to Philemon Griffith an old revolutionary officer or to his order annually in quarterly payments during life a sum of money equal to the half pay of a Major By order John Brewer Clk

In Senate February 19<sup>th</sup> 1819/ Read and assented to By order Rich'd Harwood Clk

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Some documents in the file are illegible.]

I do hereby certify that I was well and Intimately acquainted with Capt. Philemon Griffith who served in the same Corps in the Revolutionary war we served together in 1775 and 1776 one year which expired in July 1776 as I [undeciphered word] we then was both appointed Captain in a Regt of riflemen commanded by Col. Hugh Stephenson we raised our companies and Joined the Reg't and was captured by the British at Fort Washington. I continued in captivity for Eighteen months when I came out on parole I left Capt Griffith on long Island a prisoner after my exchange in March 1779 I was transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't on Continental Establishment and I do not know at what time Capt Griffith was exchanged but it could not be prior to mine nor do I know anything further respecting what time he left the Army but he must have been in the Continental service as an Officer better than four years given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Aug't 1822.

Abraham Shepherd [W19343]  
In the 7<sup>th</sup> Virga Reg't in the  
Revolutionary war



Maryland Frederick County towit.

I John Schley Clerk of Frederick County Court in the State of Maryland do hereby certify that I have known Colo Philemon Griffith for a number of years, that he was a Soldier of the revolution now aged and infirm, but has always sustained the character of a gentleman of veracity and correct Honour and much esteemed and respected by those to whom he is known John Schley

To whom this may come or concern

September 4, 1830

NOTE: A document in the federal pension file indicates that the final pension payment was made to "two of three children... to the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1838, the day of his death."