

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Nathan Griffin: S8619

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State of Maryland        }        On this Fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord 1832  
Dorchester County Sct}        personally appeared before the Justices of Dorchester County  
Orphan's Court, Nathan Griffin, a resident of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland aged  
Seventy five 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 enlisted in the army of the United States in the year  
seventeen hundred & seventy seven with John Chambers and served in the Second Regiment of  
the Maryland line, under the following named officers. General [William] Smallwood, Cap Gale  
was the Captain - prior to my joining the Company which was then under the Command of  
Captain John Eccleston & Lieutenant William Woolford; was discharged at Hick's Creek laying  
on Pede in or near South Carolina [sic: Pee Dee River in SC]; in the year seventeen hundred and  
eighty, as well as he can recollect. Served only one term of enlistment which was for three  
years; at the time he entered, was a citizen of Dorchester County within the state of Maryland  
and resided therein, was engaged a the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & Camden or Gates  
defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780], marched  
through Carolina, was recruited at Hillsborough in North Carolina and there joined a regiment  
and march back to Ridgeley's Mills, on deep river, with General Morgans rifle men and Col  
Washington's troop of horse, and there took between two & three hundred tories with a pine  
log painted like unto a cannon [see note below].  
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he  
declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid                   Nathan hisXmark Griffin

NOTES:

Griffin apparently confused events at Rugeley's Mill, which is about 12 miles north of  
Camden SC and not on Deep River. On 4 Dec 1780 Lt. Col. William Washington led a  
detachment of Gen. Daniel Morgan's troops to Rugeley's Mill SC and captured 112 Tories using  
a fake cannon. Late that month the southern army went into winter quarters on Hicks Creek  
for about a month, and Griffin may have been discharged during that period.

On 21 Mar 1855 Lovena Ann Lecompte and Caleb Griffin, heirs of Nathan Griffin,  
assigned power of attorney to obtain any pension and bounty land due them.