

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William Griffin SC3436
Audited Account No. 3126

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November 25, 1812

Mr. William Griffin's Petition

Claims

Senate

Col. Mays

Col. Richardson

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To The Honorable Samuel Warren, President & the Honorable The Senate of South Carolina
The Petition of William Griffin

Humbly sheweth

That your petitioner entered the Continental Service in 1776 under the Command of Colonel Owens Roberts [Owen Roberts] of the Artillery. After passing thro' various dangers as will fully appear by the attested Statement² rendered herewith; particularly, the deplorable Injury which your Petitioner received at Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] (where the gallant Col. O. Roberts fell) by the explosion of the Ammunition Chest where your Petitioner was stationed, occasioned by the bursting of a shell from the British, which has since terminated in total blindness.

Your Petitioner having completed his time & being regularly discharge from the Regular service entered the State Service in early in 1781 under the command of Col. Richard Richardson whose certificate³ of service is herewith sent; Your petitioner continued in the service till the British evacuated Charleston [December, 1782]. –

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The Imperious [sic, intended to be 'impecunious'?] circumstances of Your Petitioner being for some Years afflicted with total blindness, originating from the above Case & also the distressing situation of the times, have compelled Your Petitioner, reluctantly, to come forward & thus solicit support from his Country in his extreme old Age which it never was his intention to do, judging, (tho' always a poor man,) that he had done no more for his country than what was the duty of every good Citizen. –

Your Petitioner humbly request that Your Honorable Body would place him on the pension list & would also be pleased to grant him a small present aid in his distressed situation.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Witness

S/ Robert Dow, JP

Sumter District

S/ William Griffin, X his mark

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Report of Committee on claims on the petition of William Griffin
in the Said event December 2nd 1813

Resolved that this House do concur to the foregoing report – Ordered That the same be sent to the House of Representatives for their concurrence

by order of the Senate

S/ J. Murphy C. S.

In the House of Representatives December 17, 1813

Resolved that this House do concur in the within report – Ordered that the same be returned to the Senate.

By order of the House

S/ R. Gantt, CHRep.

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Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of William Griffin of Sumter District, praying to be placed on the pension List

Report that they have duly Considered the same and beg leave to recommend to the Senate to place the said William Griffin on the Pension List

S/ James Mays CCC

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To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate of The State of South Carolina

Your Petitioner

Humbly Sheweth onto your

Honorable Body

That William Griffin Served as a Soldier in the United States Army during the Revolutionary war for the Term of five years, That when he departed from the Army he entered into the Militia in actual Service in which he was constantly engaged for the Space of about two years that the war continued: That since the determination of our National Contest, He has never made a claim upon the bounty of his Country and never would have done so had Providence blest him with the powers of earning a livelihood by honest Labour and Industry.

That since the conclusion of the war, by his personal exertions he has honestly supported himself and his family Till within four years past by the visitation [?] of God he was deprived of his Sight & has continued so, and is now utterly blind and incapable of rendering any assistance to himself or his family and is in a most pitiable and distressing situation.

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly prays your Honorable Body to take into consideration the above stated circumstances of his situation and that the prime of his life and the vigor of his youth were expended in the Service of his Country, and grant unto him such relief as the wisdom of your Honorable Body may deem expedient and proper and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ William Griffin, X his mark

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was Referred The Petition of William Griffin –
Report

That your Committee having had the same under Consideration and from such information as they have been able to obtain are of the opinion that the Prayer of the Petition be Granted and that William Griffin be placed on the Pension List

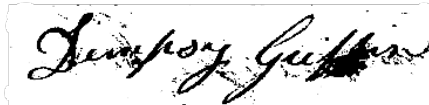
S/ Jno. M. Morsils [?], Chairman
December 17th, 1811

[p 30: Affidavit given by Robert Dow, JP, on February 9th, 1814 in Sumter District South Carolina stating that William Griffin was still alive.]

Thomas Lee, Esquire
Comptroller General
Sir,

Please to pay Colonel James B Richardson whatever Sum or pension has been allowed to my Father William Griffin, he being blind has directed me to draw for them for his use

S/ Dempsey Griffin



S/ Robert Dow, Witness
to D. Griffin's signature
for his father Wm Griffin

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Charleston February 26, 1814 Received the Amount of the within Appropriation Viz. 4 Hundred
28 40/100
\$428.40

S/ James B Richardson

