

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Valentine Gryder (Grider) <sup>1</sup> W11082 Mary Gryder f55NC  
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State of Kentucky, Cumberland County

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 Personally appeared before the judge of the Cumberland Circuit Court now sitting Valentine Gryder a resident of the Rockhouse Bottom in the County of Cumberland and State of Kentucky aged 70 years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; he entered the service in the year 1779 under Colonel Charles McDowell, Major Joseph McDowell and Captain John Smith on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May and that he left the service the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1781; This Declarant states that he was in an engagement near the North East River within 2 miles of Bluford's Bridge [sic, Buford's Bridge]<sup>2</sup> in the year 1781 about the time Lord Cornwallis was taken [Cornwallis surrendered at Jamestown Virginia on October 19, 1781]; I was under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in that Engagement and also under Colonel Charles McDowell a Major White and James McFarland Captain: he states that when he entered the service he resided in Burke County North Carolina and was a Substitute when he entered the service: he states that he marched through part of Georgia & North Carolina that he served with Captain John Lucas a Continental officer as he was informed belonged to that line. This Declarant states that the Army he belonged to in marching never halted longer than one day at a time: We Encamped within 15 miles of Wilmington: the troops lay there about one week there was about 250 men together with myself went down to Wilmington to see if the British were there, but upon our arrival the British had left there [the British evacuated Wilmington on November 18, 1781]<sup>3</sup> General Butler [John Butler] Commanded the Detachment that went to Wilmington; This Declarant States that he has a Discharge from Colonel Charles McDowell for a three months tour from Colonel Charles McDowell who was under the Command of General Rutherford Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1781; This Declarant states that he served four tours two six-months tours and two 3-months tours: that he never received a Discharge for his first tour for three months but Received a Discharges for the two six month

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt19544-160-55

<sup>2</sup> J D Lewis notes: "The bridge was a recently constructed "swing bridge" that was built by a man named Mr. Buford in the early 1770s. But, by the late 1770s, it had been purchased by a Mr. Heron and everyone in the vicinity knew it as Heron's Bridge - primarily because he strengthened it considerably and made it much more reliable. But, the "old timers" still called it Buford's Bridge."

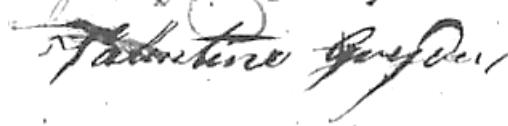
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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_evacuation\\_of\\_wilmington.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_evacuation_of_wilmington.html)

tours; but has lost the same by moving or some other way, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service that he performed for the two six months tours and the first three months tour.

I do hereby Relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and Declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Valentine Gryder



1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Loudoun County Virginia in the year 1762.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have no Record of my age

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in Burke County North Carolina when called into service I lived a while in Powells Valley Virginia in Lee County: from there I moved to Cumberland County Kentucky and now live on the Rock house Bottom of the same County and State

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was when called into Service a Substitute for my Brother Jacob Gryder for a 3 months tour the first 6 months tour I was a volunteer, for the other 6 months tour I was a substitute for my Brother Cornelius Gryder for the last 3 months tour I was Drafted for which I have a Discharge.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I was acquainted with Captain John Lucas who I was informed was a Regular officer I was acquainted with a Colonel Mcquire of the Militia and a Major White who were commanded by the same General Rutherford, also Captain Joseph White of the militia; I was one of 250 men who went down to Wilmington to see if the British were there, but they were gone on our arrival at Wilmington, General Butler commanded the Detachment who went to Wilmington.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I did receive a Discharge for the last 3 months tour I served it was given by Colonel Charles McDowell. The other Discharges which I have lost the first was given by Captain Joseph McDowell and the other 6 months tour was given by Captain [indecipherable name, looks like "Hostleluier"<sup>4</sup> or some such]

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I am known in my present neighborhood by Benjamin Bledsoe, Frederick Smith and Colonel Francis Winfrey & others who can testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior &c

Given under my hand this day and year aforesaid

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4 This might be the same officer as [Jacob Tipps R10616](#) identified as Captain John Hoselburger. [Jacob Tipps R10616](#)

[Benjamin Bledsoe & Thomas M. Emerson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Cumberland Circuit Court Valentine Gryder a resident of the County of Cumberland and State of Kentucky aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Statements by way of amendment to his Original declaration Subscribed and Sworn to and a previous Term of said Court for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – That he entered the Service of the United [states] in the Army of the revolution and served as he has set forth in his Original declaration 6 [sic, 4] tours – 2 of 6 months age and 2 of 3 months age, making 18 months as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution for which services he now claims a pension – there is no Clergyman living in his neighborhood and he has consequently procured the Statements of other respectable neighbors – who have testified as to their belief of his having served as Stated in his declaration, and of their belief as to his character as a man of veracity & age.

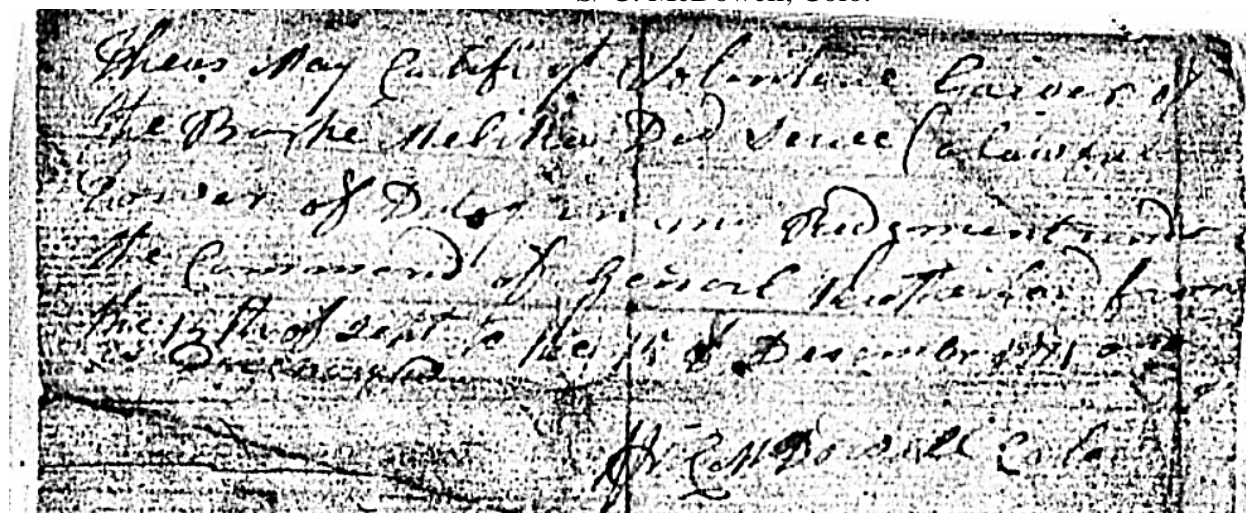
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Valentine Gryder

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This May Certifi of Volentine Grider of the Burke Militia Did serve [indecipherable word or words] full Tower of Duty in my Ridgment under the Command of Genorl Rutherford from the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1781 and was Discharged.

S/ C. McDowell, Colo.



[p 13: On May 24, 1853 in Cumberland County Kentucky Mary Grider, 64 on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1853, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Valentine Grider a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$60 per annum; she states that her husband died March 2, 1837; that she married him February 4, 1816 in Lee County Virginia; that they were married by John Flanary a Baptist preacher. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 18: On March 17, 1855 in Adair County Kentucky, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 20: Certificate from the clerk of court of Lee County Virginia that a license to join in holy matrimony Valentine Gryder and Mary Fugate was issued January 30, 1816 and was subsequently signed by John Flanary in which he states he joined the pair in marriage on February 4, 1816.]

[Facts in the file: Mary's maiden name was Mary Fugate; one of the witnesses stated that the veteran and his wife raised a quote large family of Children" (but none are named in the documents in this file).]

[A veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]