

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Grimes ¹ W19249

Frances Fail²

f34NC

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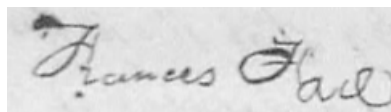
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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this 4th day of September 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber One of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions in and for said County Mrs. Frances Fail Resident of Johnston County aged 82 years who being first duly Sworn according to law doth upon her oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the 3rd Section of the Act of Congress passed the 4th July 1836 and also benefit of the Amendatory act of the 3rd March 1837 that She is the widow of William Grimes who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the Spring of the year 1779 and served to the end of the War in Captain Dixon's [Tilghman Dixon's] Company, this declarant can only say what She has heard her late husband William Grimes declare repeatedly. That he Served in Captain Dixon's Company, was in South Carolina at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]³ in 1780, and she knows he did not Return home until the latter part of the year 1781 after Cornwallis had passed through North Carolina on his way North, She further declares she was married to the aforesaid William Grimes in the month of June 1778 and her husband enlisted and left home the Spring afterwards, her marriage took place in Johnston County by John Bryan Esquire and her husband the aforesaid William Grimes died on the 6th day of March 1827 aged 70 that she intermarried on the 10th day of December in the year 1829 with Thomas Fail and that he died on the 7th day of September 1834, all which will more fully appear by Reference to prove hereunto affixed.

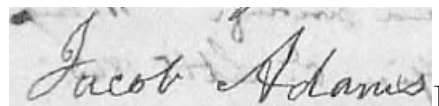
S/ Frances Fail



Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written

S/ Joseph Clifton, JP

[p 6: Jacob Adams, 80, of Johnston County, NC, gave a supporting affidavit as to the marriage of William and Francis Grimes.



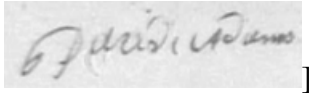
[p 11: On December 28, 1843, in Johnston County, NC, Mrs. Leacey Adams, 60, filed an affidavit in

¹ BLWt67609-160-55

² former widow

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

support of the claims of her mother Fanny Fail saying that she, Leacey, is the 2nd child of William and Fanny Grimes, that she was born in 1783; that she had an older brother John who was 4 years older than her “who died after I can Recollect and my mother had 7 younger [children] all of them is now dead, I have 10 children myself...” She signed her affidavit with her mark. p 12: Leacey's husband, David Adams, also filed a supporting affidavit.



[p 15: On December 29, 1843, in Johnston County NC, Lemuel Lee, 90, gave a supporting affidavit as to the marriage of William Grimes and Fanny Fail.]

[p 8: On May 26, 1857, in Johnston County, NC, Frances Fail, filed for her bounty land entitlement.]

[p 15, marriage bond given by William Grimes and Jacob Adams on June 4, 1778, in Johnston County, NC, for the marriage of Grimes to Fanny Adams.]

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Grimes a private Soldier in Captain Dixon's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in 1779 (the length of time for which he entered the service not mentioned). I find on a book of settlements, that William Grimes was allowed in one place, the sum of £15.19.0 and in another place the sum of £41.15.1 for his services in the said War, by a Board of Commissioners that sat at Halifax in 1784 & 1785; I do not find the name of William Grimes but once on the muster rolls.

Given under my hand this 20th day of September 1843.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County: The Statement of Richard Pilkenton⁴ a pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War Being called upon to State his knowledge of the Services of William Grimes (deceased) Testifies and says that he was personally acquainted from his earliest recollection with the aforesaid William Grimes that he was with him in the service during the Revolutionary War and knew of his personal knowledge that William Grimes did Serve in the Army of the Revolution and that he was Generally esteemed by all who knew him to have performed the Service as stated by his widow Mrs. Frances Fail who is now applying for a pension.

This affiant further states that he well recollects that William Grimes was married to his wife Mrs. Frances Fail now applying for pension in the month of June 1778 and have lived together and then Reputed to be man and wife up to his death which was on the 6th day of March 1827 that William Grimes after his marriage went into the Army and Served to the End of the War. This affiant lived near them all his life and consequently had the opportunity of knowing their history well he further States that Mrs. Frances Fail who is now applying for a pension is a highly Respectable persons and her Statement made the relied on fully the 11th of September 1843

Sworn to & Subscribed day & year above Written before me.

S/ J. G. Gully, JP

S/ Richard Pilkenton, R his mark

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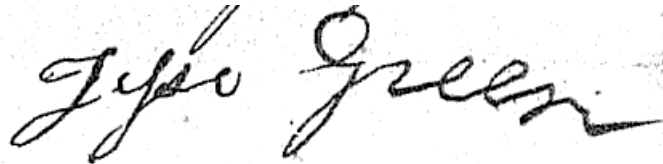
State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this 11th day of September 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Jesse Green⁵ a pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War aged 92 years who being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following Affidavit.

This affiant Testifies and says that he was well acquainted with William Grimes deceased from the earliest part of his recollection and that he was with him in the Service during the Revolutionary War and knows of his own personal knowledge that William Grimes did Serve in the Army of the revolution and that he was generally esteemed by all who knew him to have performed the Service as stated by his widow Mrs. Frances Fail who is now applying for a pension. This affiant further states that he well Recollects that William Grimes was married to his wife Mrs. Frances Fail now applying for a pension in the month of June 1778 & have lived together as man & wife up to William Grimes' death which was on the 6th day of March 1827 that William Grimes soon after his marriage went into the Army and Served to be end of the War. This affiant lived near them all his life consequently had the opportunity of knowing their history well he further states that Mrs. Frances Fail who is now applying for a pension is a highly Respectable person and her Statement made the Relied on fully.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day & year above written.

S/ Jesse Green

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Green". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'n'.

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her former husband's service as a private for 2 year in the North Carolina Continental line.]

⁵ [Jesse Green W11084](#)