

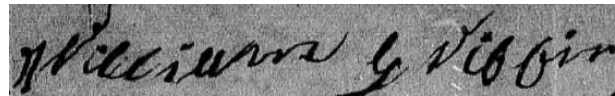
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Griffin W24313 Nancy Griffin VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky Jefferson County towit

On the 12th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, expressly made so by law, with power to fine and imprison William Griffin aged sixty-five years and a resident of said county who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 That he the said William Griffin enlisted for the term of eighteen months as a private soldier in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hord, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Abraham Buford, in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the month of October 1780 when he was regularly discharged from the said service in the state of Virginia – that he was in the Battle called “Bufords defeat” [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] and received two wounds in the action and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit of Captain Thomas Pearson hereto annexed [not found] and the oath of John Humphries made here in Court. And in pursuance of the act of Congress of the first of May 1820 the said Griffin solemnly swore in court that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed, which schedule is in the words and figures following towit –

Two Horses and one Mare and Colt – one of said Horses is 17 years old the other 13 years old, and the mare 19 years old, all supposed to be worth fifty dollars Three head of grown Cattle and four Calves, all worth thirty-two dollars twenty six head of Hogs mostly small ones, all worth twenty dollars one old waggon worth nothing but the Irons. they are worth fifteen dollars three old ploughs and three Hoes all worth eight dollars two Dishes five plates & one Bason (pewter) worth four dollars half Dozen knives & forks and half Dozen pewter spoons all worth two dollars and fifty Cents three pots & one oven all worth five dollars one Tea kettle, one spider one Loom and Geer half Dozen old chairs & one flax wheel all worth twelve dollars and the amount of debts due me are as follows in little claims some of which is doubtful Thirty Eight dollars and seventy five cents the whole amount of property & claims as stated above makes one Hundred & Eighty Seven dollars and twenty five Cents – And the Amount of debts that I owe are fifty six dollars and twenty six cents. I am by profession a farmer and am often troubled with Rheumatic pains which often makes it very painfull to me to pursue my ordinary labour. I have four children with me, Two Girls Nancy & Lydia both Grown, two Boys Morgan and Anderson (Morgan is thirteen years old is a cripple in one arm, Anderson is nine years old and completely crippled by a natural Deformity in both feet Nancy is nineteen years old and Lydia is seventeen years of age both living with the Father but work on their own account and for their own benefit and able to do no more than support themselves.



State of Indiana }
Clark County SS }

August the 15th AD 1844 This day personally appeared in the Clark Probate Court in open court it being a court of record Nancy Griffin a resident of said Clark County aged seventy six years who being

first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of William Griffin who was a private in the war of the revolution, that the said William Griffin was a volunteer in the army of the revolution that he resided in the state of Virginia at the time of entering the service but this declarant does not know in what county of Virginia that he entered & continued to serve for (18) Eighteen or (24) twenty four months (but this declarant is not certain which) under General Bluford & Captain Humphreys. That he marched from Virginia to North Carolina & back and also to other places but this declarant cannot remember when he was in Blufords defeat and other battles but this affiant does not know what others that he the said William was wounded in the shoulder and in the left hip in said service one of the wounds received from a musket ball the other from the thrust of a bayonet The said William died on the 6th day of August AD 1832 in the state of Indiana he obtained a pension for his services some five or six years before his death, he was then a citizen of Kentucky and proved his services by Capt Humphrys of Louisville who is now dead & by some other person unknown to this declarant. This declarant has no documentary evidence in her possession to prove said services nor does she know of any unless it may be found on the rolls of the war department The certificate of pension of the said William Griffin was after his death surrendered at Lexington Kentucky.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Griffin on the 26th day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven that her husband the aforesaid William Griffin died on the 6th day of August AD 1832 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January seventeen hundred and ninety four to wit at the time above stated

Nancy herXmark Griffin

NOTE:

A letter in the file states that a search in Culpeper County VA failed to show a record of the marriage of William Griffin and Nancy Morgan. It also states, "The marriage must have taken place in Fauquier County, as the old persons now living, say they never heard of such a place as Prices Settlement in this County." A search in Fauquier County also uncovered no record.

On 23 July 1846 Thomas Job, 75, and James Etcherson, 70, both of Putnam County IN, stated that they had known William and Nancy (sometimes called Ann) Griffin in Rowan County NC. James Etcherson also stated that had known William Griffin and Nancy Morgan in Fauquier County before their marriage, and that he knew their children – Andrew, William, Polley, Sally, John, Elizabeth, and some others. On 22 Sep 1846 George A. Canter, 46, of Clark County stated that Nancy, Lydia, Morgan, and Anderson were the four youngest children.

On 17 Aug 1844 Morgan Griffin, 36, stated that the marriage certificate given to his parents by the minister was lost while moving from Virginia to North Carolina, and that his father served 22 months under "Genl Bluford Col Peirson & Capt Humphreys, or Scott." On 16 Sep 1850 Morgan Griffin, "aged forty two years past," applied for a pension as the son of Nancy Griffin, who died on 2 Sep 1849, leaving only himself and Anderson Griffin as surviving children, both living in Clark County.