

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reubin [Reuben] Griffis W7601

Sarah Griffis

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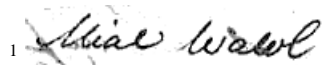
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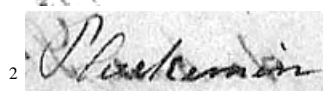
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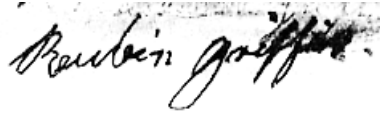
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State of North Carolina Halifax County

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me William E Shine a Justice of the peace for said County Reuben Griffis a resident of said County of Halifax who first being 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. From the information from his mother he was born in Prince George County Virginia the 15th day of November 1756 his Father died when he was small his mother married and went into Sussex County Virginia to live and in the year 1775 he volunteered in the minute Service for four months under Captain Mial Wawl [?]¹ of Sussex and served the same at Norfolk and the Great Bridge after serving the 4 months in the minute Service he enlisted in the Artillery Service for one year under Charles Harrison but before the year expired Harrison got a Colonel's Commission to raise a State Regiment of artillery and he the said Griffis reenlisted for three years under said Harrison and was taken to the town of Hampton there was inoculated with the Small Pox and in the spring of 1778 we marched to the North and joined Washington's Army at Valley Forge and when the British Army left Philadelphia we marched after them and came up with them at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and there we had a Severe battle sometime in the latter part of June after the Battle at Monmouth we marched to White Plains and stayed there some time from there we marched to West Point and from there to a place called Blackmore's [?]² where we stayed all went to her the Summer of 1779 we done but little but attend to our horses at pastures and in the fall we went to Morristown and took up our winter quarters. In the spring of 1780 the Regiment marched to the South and my term of enlistment expired. I was discharged by Colonel Charles Harrison at Petersburg Virginia – my Captain in said Regiment was first John Champ Carter [John Champe Carter] but before my time was out I was put in Captain Ragsdale [probably Drury Ragsdale's] Company – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me
S/ Wm E. Shine, JP
S/ Reubin Griffis

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben Griffis". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Warrick Hockaday Sr. gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On July 31, 1843 in Halifax County North Carolina, Sarah Griffis filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Reuben Griffis, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband applied for a pension but died before he received any portion of it; that she married him November 25, 1790; that he died February 14, 1834; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Warren County North Carolina to "Rheuben Griffis" and William Smith on November 17, 1793 conditioned upon the marriage of 'Rheubin Griffis and Sarah Manders"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service for two years as a private in the Virginia Continental artillery. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]