

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Gideon Griffin W8877 Patience Griffin SC
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 20 July 2014.

State of South Carolina }
Richland District }

To the Honorable the President and members of the Senate. The petition of Gideon Griffin respectfully sheweth that he enlisted as a soldier during the Revolutionary War under Col. Wm Thomson [William Thomson] of the 3rd Regt. South Carolina State Troops. That he served for two years in Capt Richard Brown's and one in Capt. Littles [sic: George Liddell's], that he fought in several of the most important battles in the state—served out his time—& was discharged in Charleston— That your petitioner from old age & indigent circumstances and a large family is unable to support himself— He therefore prays your Honorable body to place him on the pension list and as in duty bound will ever pray

(Signed) Gideon hisXmark Griffin

Personally appeared before me Gideon Griffin who makes oath that he rendered the service as stated above and has received no compensation therefore

Sworn to before me

29th Nov 1826/ C. Bookter Q.M.

(Signed) Gideon hisXmark Griffin

South Carolina }

Richland District } Before me personally appeared William Taylor Senior [pension application S39099] and made oath that he knew Gideon Griffin in the Revolutionary War and that he served in the Continental service under Captain Brown of the third Regiment commanded by Col. Wm. Thomson.

Sworn to before me this

(signed) W. Taylor

28th Nov. 1826/ Benj. Rawls Q.M.

South Carolina }

Richland District } Personally appeared before me Morgan Griffin [S18844] & made oath that he knew Gideon Griffin— that he saw him enlist under Col. Wm Thomson of the 3rd Regt. State Troops and served with him during the period of his enlistment viz three years.

Sworn to before me

29th Nov 1826/ C. Bookter Q.M.

Morgan hisXmark Griffin

The Committee on Pensions to whom refered the Petition of Gideon Griffin Report that your Committee are of opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted and recommend that he be placed on the pension list.
(Signed) E Benbow/ Chairman.

Senate Dec. 7, 1826

Resolved that Senate agree to the Report. Ordered to the H. R. By order of Senate

(Signed) Job Johnston C.S.

In the House of Representatives/ Dec'r. 8, 1826

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report ord'd. that it be sent to the senate for their concurrence. By order of the House

(Signed) R. Anderson C.H.R.

[The preceding are copies certified in Dec. 1850 by the Clerk of the South Carolina Senate.]

State of South Carolina }
District of Richland } SS

On this twenty second day of November in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred

and forty nine personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Ordinary now sitting, Stephen Griffin a resident of Richland District in the state of South Carolina aged thirty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, and March 3d 1843: That he is the son and heir at law of Patience Griffin deceased who was the widow of Gideon Griffin deceased who entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated: That said Gideon Griffin dec'd was a regular Continental soldier: That he enlisted under Colonel William Thomson in the third Regiment of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment in the Company commanded by Captain Richard Brown in which he served two years and one year afterwards in the Company commanded by Captain George Liddell in the Continental service: That said Gideon Griffin dec'd fought in several of the most important battles of the state of South Carolina during the war of the Revolution: That among said battles were those of Savannah Georgia [siege of Savannah, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779], Stono [Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779], Monks Corner [sic: Moncks Corner SC], Cowpens [17 Jn 1781] & Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]. That he was also in Charleston [siege, spring 1780] – These the Declarant recollects hearing his said father Gideon Griffin dec'd speak of having been engaged in: That as to the particular country through which his said father marched the declarant cannot speak with certainty. That he recollects having heard him say he served seven years in said war. That he served out his time and was discharged in Charleston South Carolina but the Declarant cannot produce said Discharge. That in the year 1826 said Griffin was pensioned by the Legislature of South Carolina and died in Richland District where he had ever since this Declarants earliest recollection lived, and died in the same on tenth day of July in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty seven. He further declares that his said mother Patience Griffin deceased was married to the said Gideon Griffin dec'd on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety or ninety one: That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four at the time above stated: That after said Gideon Griffins death said Patience Griffin remained a widow until the twenty sixth day of October Eighteen hundred and forty two on which day she died in same District & State never having received a pension from any state or the United States. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year above written

Before me	}	
James S. Guignard	}	Stephen hisXmark Griffin
Judge Court of Ordinary	}	

NOTES:

The SC Third Regiment was captured and dissolved at the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780, so if Gideon Griffin served afterward, it was in a different corps. The pension applications of Morgan Griffin (S18844) and Allen Jeffers (S1770), with whom Gideon Griffin served, suggest that their three-year enlistments expired during the siege at Charleston. See also the pension applications for Berry Jeffers (W10145) and Edward Harris (R4649).

On 17 Nov 1849 Stephen Griffin made an application similar to the above for a pension under the act of 1832.

The 1830 federal census for Richland District SC lists Gideon Griffin as a "Free Person of Color" age 55-100.

Martha Coon, daughter of Morgan Griffin, submitted on the same day in the same court an application (S18844) that is almost identical to Stephen Griffins's.

On 1 Jan 1850 James Rawlinson, 87, stated that his sister, Patience Griffin, was two years older than him and was married to Gideon Griffin in their father's house by Esquire Richard Brown.

On 1 Jan 1850 Mrs. Mahalah Averitte (Mahaley Everett), born 6 March 1794, niece of Patience Griffin, stated that she had been a playmate with the children of Gideon and Patience Griffin, two of whom were "Sophia Griffin now Sophia Chavers, and Gideon Griffin Jr." Sophia Griffin was said to have been three years older than Mrs. Averitte, and Gideon Griffin Jr., 18 months older.

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Gideon Griffin
Audited Account No. 3110A
Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Note: This file contains the images of the originals of the 1826 documents relating to this veteran as transcribed by C. Leon Harris above. In addition it contains receipts beginning February 23, 1829 and ending January 25, 1834, each in the amount of \$60 for the annual annuity due the veteran from the State of South Carolina.]

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.