

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Grimes W931  
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Nancy Grimes

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: SS

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of said County now sitting, Nancy Grimes aged seventy-four years and eight months, the widow and relic of John Grimes deceased and a resident of said County and State, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That she was the lawful married wife of John Grimes deceased late of the County aforesaid who died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 – that she was born in Winchester Virginia on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 1760 – that is a record of her age now in the possession of a gentleman in Rutherford County Tennessee. Said John Grimes was born in Darlington District South Carolina on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1760 according to the best of her recollection of the information derived from here stand his mother, but she has no record of his age. Said John Grimes and this applicant were married in Montgomery County Virginia on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 1783, and all the knowledge that the applicant has of the services of her said husband has been derived from information given by him both before and since their marriage which according to the best of her recollection is as follows – that said John Grimes volunteered as a substitute for a man whose name she knows not in Montgomery County Virginia where he then lived – sometime in the fall of the year 1780, she thinks a few weeks before the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], in the company commanded by Captain Francis, but she cannot now recollect whether he was under the command of Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] or Sevier [John Sevier]. As he was on the march to the South (she thinks while on his way to Kings Mountain) when he arrived at the Lead Mines [Chiswell's Lead Mines] on New River Virginia he met with a company of Regulars under the command of a Captain Quirk [probably Thomas Quirk] with whom he enlisted for three years or during the war – he was then marched by said Quirk to the falls of the Ohio River, where the troops were under the command of General Clarke [George Rogers Clark], and he was marched about to different places on the Ohio River and had several skirmishes with the Indians but this applicant cannot recollect the particulars of his service – the term that said John Grimes was in actual service was eighteen months as she has heard him after declare, and affiant knows of her own knowledge that it was in February 1782 that he returned from the service on the Ohio. Said John Grimes received a discharge from said Quirk who she thinks was promoted to be a Major & said discharge was in the possession of this applicant for between twelve and eighteen months after she was married to said John Grimes – that she and her husband were then about to moved

to South Carolina and said discharge was placed in the hands of a Mr. Sawyers a member of the Legislature of Virginia for the purpose of drawing his pay for his services. After he moved to South Carolina there circumstances were such that he could not go to Virginia for several years. At length he sent a gentleman when Sawyers told him that the discharge was lost & by some means or other applicant does not know how. They never got any money – Applicant & her said husband continued to live in South Carolina about seventeen years after the war – they then moved to Davidson County Tennessee, then to Maury County, then this County where she has lived nearly five years. – Applicant states that she has no documentary evidence, nor does she know of any person by whom she can prove the services of her said Husband. She hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that the name of her husband is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State according to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ F L Kincannon, Clerk

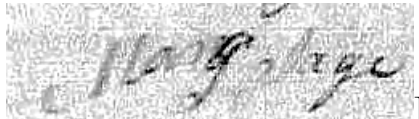
S/ Nancy Grimes, X her mark

[Henry Ledbetter, a clergyman, and Joseph J Brown, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On August 5, 1839 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Nancy Grimes, aged nearly 80 years, a resident of Rutherford County, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Grimes, a private in the Virginia line during the revolutionary war; that she has heretofore made proof of his services and obtained the balance of the pension due him under the act of June 7, 1832; that she married him February 27, 1783; that her husband died October 13, 1832; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: On August 5, 1839 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Francis C Nash, aged about 58, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John and Nancy Grimes as husband and wife for 38 or 40 years; that they have 5 living children, namely: Abigail Moore, William Grimes, Anna Moore, Polly Moore and Agatha Acuff; that their eldest child, James Grimes as did; that affiant met James Grimes about 1801 at which time James Grimes was 14 or 15 years old.]

[p 26: Affidavit dated in June 1839 given in Marshall County Mississippi by Mary Sage, aged about 69, in which she states that she was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that she well recollects the time when they left her father's house with respectable company to get married and that they returned the same day and they and the company acknowledged that the veteran and his wife had been married this was in the month of February 1783.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Sage", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper background. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private one year and 6 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]