

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Caleb Dodson R2996

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Virginia to Wit

On this 25th day of September 1832. Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting, Caleb Dodson a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty one 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States being drafted the 1st of March 1779 and marched from the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia in a Company of Militia which was commanded by Capt Peter Rogers Lieut. Anthony Irby and Ensign Peter Barksdale to Salisbury, North Carolina, where we joined a Regiment under Major [William] Hubbard Colo. [David] Mason and Colo. Burwell and were stationed there two or three weeks. from there we marched to Mecklenburg, NC. from thence to Camden South Carolina and from thence to Stono in said State and were stationed at that place until we had a severe battle with the british in the month of July 1779 [sic: Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 June 1779]. Genl. [Benjamin] Lincoln was our chief Commander. Lieut Irby..... of the Company to which I was attached was shot through the knee and soon after died of the wound. we were defeated and retreated a small distance but remained in the neighbourhood of Stono until our term of service expired. I was discharged by Capt Rogers in the month of August 1779. the whole time of service rendered in this tour including the time of travelling home, was upwards of six months my discharge is lost and cannot be found, but the service rendered is proved by John Jones [pension application S5631] and Edward Henderson [S15885] who were both soldiers with me in the same company and stationed at the same place. I was born in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia in the year 1752. I have no record of my age but know from the information obtained from my Parents that I was born in that year. I came to the County of Halifax when I was about 12 years old. I lived in that County when I entered the service of the Revolution. I lived in the same County when the war ended and have lived in the said County ever since. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Caleb hisXmark Dodson

I John Jones of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia do hereby Certify and Solemnly Swear that I have been long acquainted with Calib Dodson of said County and know positively that he was a revolutionary soldier, that in the year 1779 he marched from the County of Halifax with me in a Company of Militia which was commanded by Capt Peter Rogers Lieut'a. Anthony Irby and Ensign Peter Barksdale through the State of North Carolina to Stono in the State of South Carolina where we were Stationed together untill our term of Service expired that the said Calib Dodson was in a battle fought at that place I think in July and was honorably discharged from the said service in August 1779 the whole time of service including the time of coming home was at least six months – Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of Septemb. 1832

John hisXmark Jones

I Edward Henderson of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia do hereby Certify and Solemnly Swear that I have long been acquainted with Caleb Dodson of said County and know positively that he was a Revolutionary Soldier, that in the year 1779 he marched with me as a Soldier from the County of Halifax in a Company, which was Commanded by Capt. Peter Rogers and Lieut Anthony Irby, through North Carolina, to Stono in the State of South Carolina, that we were Stationed at that place together untill our term of service expired and that the said Caleb Dodson was honorably discharged from the said service at that place, the whole time of service rendered on that tour including the time of travelling home was upwards of six months

Given under my hand and seal this 24th September 1832 Edward hisXmark Henderson

State of Virginia, to wit,

This day Caleb Dodson of the County of Halifax who is an applicant for a pension under the act of June 7th 1832 Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Pittsylvania, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of Old Age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise day when he left the service, but is positive he served to the expiration of his term of Service, having been drafted to serve a tour of six months duty, and believes he was discharged about the last of August, 1779 or first of September 1779 This deponent further saith that he omitted to state in his declaration that he served several days as a Guard on Dan River in the Winter [Feb] of 1781 to prevent Lord Cornwallis from Crossing with his Army the said River. he acted as guard at Millers Ferry and and the Island Ford [on Second Broad River at Cliffside NC], under Captain Hopson and Capt Williams with troops regularly embodied and called by legal Authority. He is confident that he served in the War of the Revolution not less than six months for which he claims a pension and declares that during the time of his service he was not employed in any civil pursuit. Given under my hand this 9th of Septemb 1833 Stockley Turner J.P.

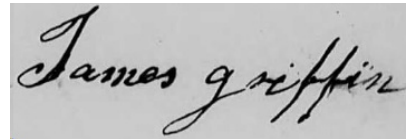
Pittsylvania County To wit,

This day Joshua Dodson a Credible man of the County aforesaid Aged Seventy Seven years personally appeared before me Stockley Turner a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia and made Oath that Caleb Dodson of Halifax County, who is an applicant for a pension was a Soldier in the War War of the Revolution, that in the Winter of the year 1781 he was Stationed as a Guard on Dan River in the County of Halifax to prevent the British Army under Lord Cornwallis from Crossing, (after Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene,) and well remembers that Caleb Dodson Served as one of the said Guard on the said River, how long he cannot say, he was ordered with other, to another ford and left the said Caleb Dodson in Service – and is confident that he served in the War of the Revolution not less than six months

Given under my hand this 12th day of September 1834

I James Griffin [pension application S47201] of Halifax County in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that I was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution, and know from my own personal knowledge that Caleb Dodson of said County was also a Soldier of the Revolution, that we were both Soldiers in Captain Peter Roger's Company of Militia and Served a tour of Six months service in the year 1779, that said company marched from Virginia through North Carolina to Stono Ferry in South Carolina – the said Company was in Battle at that place under General Lincoln, and that the said Dodson was honorably discharged

Given under my hand this 2nd day of June 1835.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Griffin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.