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Pension Application of Sherrod Griffin S13219

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State of Kentucky Green County S.S.

On this Twenty fifth day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of the County of Green Sherrod Griffin, a resident of the County of Green and State of Kentucky, aged seventy three years on the 29th day of November next, 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 made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

About the month of January 1781 he served a tour in guarding the prisoners (which had been taken at the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781]) and taking them from Amherst County Virginia to Winchester in said state of Virginia under the command of Major Dunn who had charge of the prisoners About February 1781 he served a tour in the Malitia which were raised in Amherst County Virginia and who went from thence to Prince Edward Court house to the general rendezvous – from thence with the army to the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and from thence pursued the enemy to Deep river, South Carolina – Ramsaurs Mills [sic: Ramsey’s Mill in Chatham County NC] – the officers were Robert Lawson General – John Hulcum Colonel [sic: John Holcombe] – Skippoath Major [sic: Henry Skipwith] – [Younger] Landrum – Dilliard [sic: James Dillard] – & Franklin Captains – the No. of Regiment not recollected

That in May 1781 he was hired by a certain district in Amherst County Virginia as a substitute for a draft which that district had to furnish from thence he marched to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] Court house in said State of Virginia, and enlisted in the army of the United States in June 1781 in the Light horse in the Third Regiment of Cavaldry, Virginia State line of the Continental establishment for the term of one and a half years and was under the following officers viz. John Stith Robert Morrow & Henry Bell Captains – Charles Yabrough [sic: Charles Yarbrough] Lieutenant – and in said County of Culpepper was appointed a Sergeant – and from thence marched to join the regiment with Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene’s] Army near Charlestown in the State of South Carolina – he resided in the County of Amherst State of Virginia when he entered the service The said Third Regiment of Cavaldry was commanded by the following officers viz. William Washington Colonel – Richard Call Major – C Jones [Cadwallader Jones], Joseph Pasons [probably William Parsons], John Linton Captains – Wm. Fitzhugh [William Fitzhugh], Joseph Scott & ___ [John] Perry, Lieuts. He was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] – Battle of Dorchester near Charlestown [probably skirmish on 14 Jan 1782] and a number of skirmishes – he continued in the service untill in November 1782 altogether from the time of guarding the prisoners taken at the battle of the Cowpens a period of two years lacking about one month and a half – in said month of November 1782 he received his discharge at Button Hall about 30 miles from Charlestown South Carolina, he took his discharge to Richmond Va where it was audited, and a certificate was obtained – he has not the discharge in his possession and knowing not what has become of it further than has been stated. there are no witnesses in this section of Country by whom he can prove anything in relation to his services in the war of the revolution except his brother Burgess Griffin whose deposition has been obtained and herewith filed who is unable to attend Court from disease – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Sherrod Griffin

The deposition of Burgess Griffin taken at the house of said Burgess Griffin in the County of Green and State of Kentucky this 22nd day of August 1832 to be read in refferance to an application for a Pension by

Sherwood Griffin under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. This deponent being of lawfull age & first duly Sworn deposeth as follows. (To wit)

That Sherwood Griffin has serve Tower of three months in the Malitia from Amherst County Va and that he Sherward Griffin was at the Battle of Gilford and that he guarded the prisoners to Winchester Va which was taken at the battle of Cowpens. and that the said Sherwood Griffin Served a tower of Eighteen months in the army to the Southward. And that he believed from report of 2 or 3 men – one by the name of Littrel the other Night that he Sherwood was in a battle at Dorchester in South Carolina. I also believe from Report that he Sherwood Griffin Capture'd and took two or three British men or men that was in the British Army one of said prisoners was a Lieutenant by the name of Coling. and that I know said Sherwood Griffin returned home to Amherst County Va about December 1782 I also Recollect of seeing his discharge and I recollect of General Green's name was in the discharge and some others that I do not at this time recollect. Question by Sherwood Griffin. please state in what way the 2 or 3 prisoners above stated was taken by me.

Witness Answer. I understood that you took them one at the time in battle of Dorchester.

Question by same. please state whether you know of my being a horse man in the Army.

Witness Answer. I know that he was a horsman and have every reason to believe that he served the Eighteen months in horse Company. And further this deponant saith not.

Burgess hisXmark Griffin

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On this 17th day of December personally appeared in open Court before the justices now siting Sherrod Griffin, and in addition to his declaration made before the Green Circuit Court on the 25th day of August 1832, and answered to the interogatories propounded by the Court as follows.

that he was born in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia on the 29th day of November 1759 as he has been informed, and the record of his age is with some member of his fathers family, tho he cannot say with certainty which one.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Sherrod Griffin

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Powhatan Courthouse lists the following: Sherod Griffin/ age 20/ height 5' 9½"/ black hair/ black eyes/ dark complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Amherst County where he was drafted on 18 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Sized 22 June 1781.