

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Griffith ¹ S6918

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State of North Carolina, Orange County: SS

On this 28th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County aforesaid, Isaac Griffith, aged sixty-eight years old, 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. --

In the Fall of 1781 or early in the winter, the declarant entered the service in Caswell County, North Carolina, for a twelve month tour as a private in the Militia of the State, under the following circumstances. The militia were classified into companies of forty men each, and each company or class was required to furnish one soldier by draft or otherwise, for a tour of twelve months, with the view of raising a sufficient military force to keep in check, & restrain the depredations, of the Tories, who were strong in North Carolina, & a troublesome enemy under the command of the Tory Colonel Fanning [David Fanning]. At that time, the declarant was one of the company of forty in Caswell aforesaid, commanded at home by Captain Odum [possibly either Daniel Odom or John Oldham?], who were to send one soldier – and the declarant volunteered in there stated, then became the soldier his class was required to furnish for the twelve month service. From Caswell after having remained there part of the winter, the declarant was marched to Hillsboro, NC by Colonel Murphy, at Hillsboro, he was attached to the company commanded by Captain John Mebane & Lieutenant Milberry-- the Field Officer, Major Lewis [Joel Lewis]. Here he remained under arms, guarding the Town & prisoners in Jail, until sometime in the summer of 1782. Thence he was marched to Lindley's Mill in Chatham County, NC; and after a stay of five, six or seven weeks, was thence marched to widow Brewer's Mill on Haw River, in the same County – where he was stationed two or three months: thence he was marched to Rocky River in said County, where declarant was taken sick & lay several weeks in the House of widow Headens. As soon as he recovered from his sickness, he rejoined the Army at Conner Dowd's in Moore County NC, as he thinks, which was considered the Head Quarters of the Militia of the State, to which he was attached. From Conner Dowd's, he was marched to Hillsboro and stationed a few days in the neighborhood of Hillsboro, & was marched into Town about one month before the expiration of 12 months tour for which he had volunteered, & there the militia stacked their arms, & were furloughed for three months to meet again in Hillsboro on the 1st day of March 1833 [sic, 1783?] & to serve the balance of the tour, if the public service might require it. The declarant did not again take up arms there being no occasion for it. The declarant engaged in no battle – a good many Tories were taken prisoners by the State Militia to which he was attached, during the 11 months he was in the Army & in service – but the enemy were scattered & unable to make battle. The declarant was born in

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the County of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania, on the 22nd day of April 1765. He hath no Register of his age. He was removed to Orange County in North Carolina, at the age of five years; and when a youth, his Father bound him to one Thomas Spencer of Caswell, NC to learn a trade-- & his Master having died in the Summer of 1781, of a fall from a horse – the declarant volunteered in the service of the United States as aforesaid – all being placed on the muster roll in North Carolina, at that time at the age of 16. -- Since the revolutionary war, he hath resided part of his time in Caswell; and the balance in Orange, NC that is to say, about 34 years. -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, so far as he hath knowledge.

Sworn to & Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Taylor, Clk

S/ Isaac Griffith, X his mark

[George A. Swift, a clergyman of Caswell County NC and Chesley F. Faucett and Absalom Harvey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: While living in Alamance County North Carolina, on September 10, 1855, at the age of 92, Isaac Griffith filed for his bounty land entitlement.]

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Abner James² personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid – and after being duly sworn according to law, he deposes and saith, that he knew Isaac Griffith, of the County and State aforesaid, to be a soldier of the War of the revolution, in what was called a twelve months service in the Militia of North Carolina, under the command of Colonel Long, Major Lewis, Captain John Mebane and Lieutenant Milberry. How long the said Isaac Griffith served in that tour, this affiant does not know.

Sworn to & subscribed this the 24th day of November A.D. 1832.

Witness: S/ C. F. Faucett, JP

S/ Abner James, O his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 7, 1857.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia.]