

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Grant, ¹ W1757 Mary Grant f94SC
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State of South Carolina, Anderson District: SS

On this __ day of March 1835 personally appeared in open court in the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas, before one of the Associate Judges of the said State, William Grant, a resident in the District of Anderson and State aforesaid, aged Seventy three years on the 3rd August last, 1834, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, making oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832--

That he entered the Army of the United States in the month of November in the year 1779 as a private as a volunteer in what was called the minute service in the Spartan Regiment as it was called in what is now called Union District under command of Capt. Joseph McJunkin, Lieut. Col. Stein [James Steen], of Col. Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment, to go to Charleston against the British, and was marched to the branch ten miles from Charleston and stationed there until the 10th March 1780. He was called out for 3 mo. but it was about upwards of 4 mo. before relieved by the N.C. troops.

2nd) Being still in the minute service in November 1780 he was called on again and entered the service under Capt. William Grant, Major Joseph McJunkin, Col. Thomas Brandon, by order of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] to go to Fooses Ford. They were pursued by Col. Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] to Blackstocks where there was an engagement [Battle of Blackstocks Plantation, November 20, 1780]² and in which Genl Sumter was wounded & left the field that night, and they scattered and went home having been out not less than one month.

3rd) He was in November 1780 appointed 1st Lieutenant in Capt. William Grant's company by Col. Thomas Brandon who commanded the Regiment and was ordered to collect provisions for General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Army before it should arrive at Grindal's Shoals on Pacolet River. He joined General Morgan's Army when it arrived there & attacked the Tories at Hammond's Old Store [December 29, 1780]³ & defeated them there under the Bloody William Cunningham & took two wagons loaded with arms & a good many prisoners and returned to Grindal's Shoals & joined Morgan's Army & marched to the Cowpens and was in the Battle there on the 17th January 1781,⁴ and in the battle did command as a Lieut. under Capt.

¹ BLWt26273-160-55

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hammonds_store.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

William Grant—After the Battle a call was made for volunteers to Guard the prisoners to Sherrell's Ford on the Catawba River. He went by Rutherford, Sherrell's Ford and nearly to the Yadkin River as the British were pursuing. He was out that time not less than three months as a first Lieutenant and as a volunteer.

4th) Afterward in the Spring of 1781 Genl Sumter called out the minute men and, Capt Grant being already at Neil's Mill, Col. Brandon ordered this applicant he being 1st Lieut. to collect the volunteers and to go with him the Col. to join General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at the Congaree Fort. Applicant did collect his men and went under Col. Brandon to Congaree Fort. Sometime after their arrival, Genl Greene ordered General Sumter to take Col. Brandon's Reg't and attack the Fort at Orangeburg [May 11, 1781].⁵ Applicant went with Brandon & Sumter & they took the Fort (the Old Jail) and 80 Tories & some British prisoners commanded by Col. Fisher. About this time Genl Marion [Francis Marion] had taken Wright's Bluff [Fort Watson, April 16, 1781]⁶ —Greene the Congaree Fort. They were then sent home to collect more men and ordered to meet at Ninety Six where Genl Greene intended to besiege that Fort and drive the Enemy from the back country [Siege of Ninety Six, May 22-June 19, 1781].⁷ He did raise some men [&] joined Major Jolley [Benjamin Jolly or Joseph Jolly] of Col. Brandon's Regiment [&] went to the siege at Ninety Six & remained there until the siege was raised when he returned home and was required to guard Col. Brandon's Bull Pen as it was called. He was out as Lieut. not less than one month to Congaree & Orangeburg, and not less than one month [at the] siege of Ninety Six.

5th) About the month of August or Sept. 1781 he was called upon as 1st Lieut. commanding a company to raise men and join General Greene at McCord's Ferry. He immediately turned out and went on to Ancrum's Old Place where they joined Col. Lee's [Henry open light Horse Harry" Lee's] Corps of Horse and went on to McCord's Ferry with him under Major Jolly. [He] was there taken sick and was appointed Officer of the Sick and left there with a promise of support & assistance. After remaining there some time and obtaining no support the applicant discharged all the sick who were living and all that could went home. He went home & was sick all the next winter. [In this service tour, he] was out not less than two & a half months.

6th) In the Spring of 1782 being in commission he was called on to take his men & guard Orangeburg & he turned out as Lieut. under Maj. or Lieut. Col. ~~John~~ Fair [sic, Farr] went with him to Orangeburg [&] was with him there on duty not less than two months & was relieved or discharged & returned.

7th) About the 1st of July 1782 he volunteered as a Lieut. with part of Grant's Company under the same Major Jolley [sic, Jolly] and went with him to Bacon's Bridge by order of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] [&] was there for some time not less than two months when they were dismissed and Major Jolly died soon after his return.

He served as a Private 1st tour: 4 months

2nd tour: 1 month

5 months, Private

He served as a 1st Lieut. 1st tour: 3 mo.
2nd tour: 2 mo.
3rd tour: 2 1/2 mo.
4th tour: 2 mo.

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm

⁷ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

5th tour: 2 mo.

11 1/2 mo. as Lieut.

He refers to the affidavit of Major Joseph McJunkin who was Capt. when he first turned out volunteer[:] he [McJunkin] lived near & knew well of his service & would have said more or stated the service more fully but the Magistrate was of opinion he had stated full enough (He not knowing). If he can procure any other witnesses he will also furnish them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

And he makes the following answers to the Interrogatories required by the War Department to be put to the applicant. And to the 1st he answers & says

He was born in Augusta County Va. 3d Aug. 1761.

2nd He has the record of his age now in his possession in Anderson District in his father's Old Prayer Book.

3rd He lived on Pacolet River near to Pinckneyville in what is now Union District.

4th He was always a Volunteer.

5th He was with Generals Morgan, Greene and Henderson of the Regular Army, and with Cols. Howard [John Eager Howard], Lee & Washington [William Washington] of the same, and with the Militia officers above named.

6th He never received a written discharge. He had a Commission written & signed by Col. Brandon [&] states the British had at that time control of the State & he does not know that any other kind of Commissions were issued.

7th He lives near & is acquainted with John Harris, Esq., the Judge of the Court of Ordinary of the District, and Col. John C. Kilpatrick, Revolutionary Soldier, and Capt. John Maxwell, member of the Legislature, Col. Robert Anderson, Clerk, H. Reps. He can refer to them and all who know him for an honest character.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ William Grant, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court

S/ Van A. Lawhon

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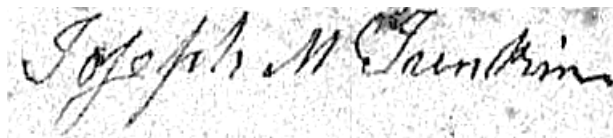
State of South Carolina, Pickens District

This day before me personally appeared Joseph McJunkins [sic, Joseph McJunkin]⁸ and made oath that he was a Captain in the second Spartan Regiment in the South Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War -- commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon was in November 1779 ordered out on a tour to Charlestown -- and William Grant now of Anderson District and State aforesaid was attached to his said Company in said tour and served the whole Said tour which ended the 10th of March 1780 and the said Captain J. McJunkin further states on oath that in a short time after said tour he rose to Major and in November 1780 was at a Battle at Blackstocks and the said William Grant was a true Whig in said battle also in January 1781 the said William Grant was with him in the Battle of the Cowpens and the said Major J. McJunkin further saith on oath that the said William Grant was in November 1780 appointed first Lieutenant and served as such in Captain Grant's Company till the end of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and Subscribed before made this 10th day of November 1834.

S/ Joseph McJunkin

⁸ [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)



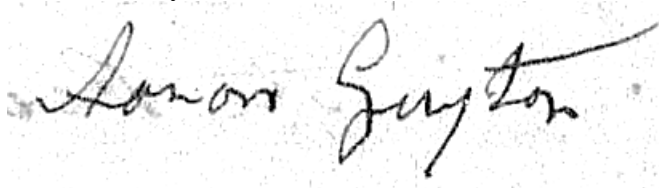
S/ John Myers

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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Before me personally appeared Aaron Guiton [sic, Aaron Guyton]⁹ and made oath, That during the Revolutionary War -- William Grant now of Anderson District lived on Pacolet River in 96 District -- afterwards Union County & then & now Union District in Colonel Brandon or Brandon's Regiment of SC militia At the commencement of the War the said William Grant was a private he was after some time appointed Lieutenant deponent thinks first Lieutenant in Captain Grant's Company. This deponent was with the said William Grant at various times on several Tours and they lived when at home in adjoining Companies. Deponent saw the said William Grant acting as Lieutenant on more than one occasion Grant was a true Whig -- a good Soldier and Officer -- Deponent is well acquainted with the said William Grant and knows him to have been a Brave man a true friend to his Country in the Revolutionary War - - And he is a good Citizen -- an Honest man and man of Credibility.

S/ Aaron Guyton



Sworn to & subscribed second of March 1835 before me

S/ Miles M. Norton, NP

[Sanford Vandiver, a clergyman, and John Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.

[p 10: On June 29, 1853, in Anderson District SC, Mary Grant,70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she was the widow of William Grant, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$170 per annum for his revolutionary services; that she was married to him by the Reverend Charles Rice on June 5, 1803 in Pendleton District, now Pickens District; that her maiden name was Mary Burchfield; that her husband died August 28, 1851. She signed her application with her mark.]

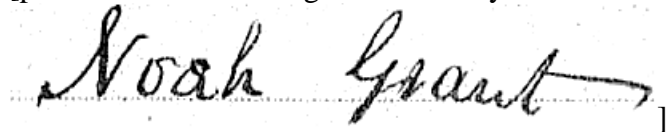
[p 12: On April 10, 1855 in Pickens District South Carolina, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 15, is a copy of Mary Burchfield Grant's will in which she names son, William Grant; daughter Celia [or Cecelia], wife of James Forester [or Forrester]; son, Danilly Grant [or Richard Danelly Grant]; son Noah Grant.]

⁹ [Aaron Guyton W21237](#)

[p 17: On July 25, 1853 in Pickens District South Carolina Tillman & Lucinda McGee gave testimony that they were intimately acquainted with William and Mary Grant; that they lived together as man and wife; that they raised 5 children namely William, Richard D., Celia Forrester wife of James Forrester, Catharine Moss (now deceased), and Noah Grant.]

[p 22 is the oath of allegiance taken by Noah Grant on October 7, 1867.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noah Grant". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The word "Noah" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Grant". The signature ends with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that extends to the right.

[p 25 is the oath of allegiance taken by Cecelia Forrester August 23, 1867 signed with her mark.]

[p 23: On August 23, 1867 in Habersham County Georgia, Mrs. Cecelia Forrester gave testimony that she is one of the legal heirs and representatives of Mary Grant deceased late of Pickens District South Carolina; that she and Noah Grant are the only legal heirs and representatives of Mary Grant deceased, a pensioner of the United States. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 92: On July 23, 1853 in Pickens District South Carolina, Dicy Burchfield gave testimony that she was present at the solemnization of the marriage of William Grant and Mary Burchfield now Mary Grant; that they were married by the Reverend Charles Rice a minister of the gospel in Pickens District South Carolina; to the best of her recollection they were married in the month of June about 50 years ago. She signed her affidavit with her mark. There is no data in this file indicating what relationship, if any, the affiant had to either the veteran or his wife.]

[Facts in file: Widow died March 25, 1863, in Pickens District, SC; veteran and widow had 5 children, those named above plus Catherine Moss who was deceased before 1853; in 1866 Noah Grant was 48 years of age and living in Pickens District South Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$170 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 5 months and as a Lieutenant for 11 months and 15 days in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ¹⁰ relating to William Grant	pp12
Audited Account No. 3035	
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No. 112

[No.] 2836

[Book] X

26 May 86 [1786]

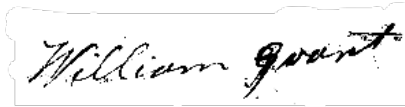
¹⁰ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's 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.

William Grant For Militia duty in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment before, and Since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] return [not extant]

Amounting to [old South Carolina] Currency £291.10
Sterling £41.12.10 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 26 May 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 2836 Book X
S/ William Grant

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Grant".

[p 4: Recap of the above but in a different format]

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 2836 Book X]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent]

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State of South Carolina

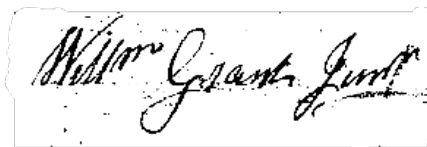
Pendleton County} I do hereby Impower Mr. Joseph Thompson of Spart. County in the State aforesaid To Draw and Receive of the Commissioners of this State my Indenture or Indents that is due to me for my Services as a Soldier and Part of the time as a Lieutenant under Captain William Grant in Colonel Brandon's Regiment of Militia and likewise for a horse lost at the same time in the publick Service and the Interest That may be due to me.

Given under my hand this 4th June 1792

I Do hereby certify that the said William Grant Junior did Sign and deliver the above order to the said Joseph Thompson

S/ [illegibly faint signature of the Justice of the peace]

S/ Willm Grant Junr.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Grant Junr".