

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Ralph Griffin S16389

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State of Indiana, Jefferson County

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid now sitting Ralph Griffin, a resident of Jefferson County and State of Indiana aged 79 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the month of January 1779 drafted as a militia man. That he belonged to Captain Edward Lacey's Company and Colonel Joseph Brown's Regiment. That they marched from Camden District where he then resided to the Quarter House at Charleston thence to Purysburg on the Savannah River and joined the General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army at that place which was his head quarters at that time. Thence up the Savannah River near Augusta in Georgia and his term of service (which was two months) having expired he was discharged and returned home. That he was again in the service as a volunteer in 1780. That he entered the Service in the month of July in that year (1780). That he again joined Captain Lacey's Company, Colonel Patton's Regiment. That he joined the Main Army under command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in what was called the Waxhaw Settlement; marched thence and attacked a party of British at Rocky Mount and was repulsed – thence into the edge of North Carolina and he had a skirmish with another party of the enemy at a place called the Hanging Rock – thence returned with the wounded to a place called the Waxhaw Meeting House in North Carolina. Thence crossed the Catawba River into Camden District near the town of Camden where they arrived on the day of General Gates' [Horatio Gates'] defeat. Thence marched to Fishing Creek near Land's Ford on the Catawba where the Army under General Sumter was defeated. Thence being dispersed, they reassembled at Charlotte in North Carolina. Thence to the Catawba River. There encamped. Thence (Sumter having left the Army) they marched under the command of Colonel, formerly Captain, Lacey of the Catawba River – thence by a circuitous route to the Cowpens and joined Colonel Campbell's [William Campbell's] Regiment – thence by a circuitous route to King's Mountain where they defeated Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson]. Thence finally obtained a furlough to see his family – returned home and remained there a few days at which time the inhabitants of his neighborhood erected a fort from which those who took refuge were driven in a short time by Cornwallis. Thence in pursuit of the Tories from place to place until the last of March or first of April 1781 when the Americans (himself being one) under command of General Sumter attacked the Congaree Fort and were repulsed. That immediately thereafter he was sent on as a spy and having been left by the Army he returned home about the middle of April 1781. That he served in the whole at least 12 months but that he [illegible word] not err in his own favor, he will put it down as eleven months. That he served the whole time as a private soldier. That Aug. 5, 1754<sup>1</sup> and emigrated thence to Camden District South Carolina where he resided when he entered the service as aforesaid. That he never received a written discharge. That he removed from South Carolina to Kentucky [word obliterated] autumn

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1 War Department interpreted this date as January 5, 1754, but the month looks more like Aug, or possibly May, than January to this transcriber.

of 1786. Thence to Jefferson County Indiana in April 1806 where he now resides and has ever since. That he has no knowledge of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ralph Griffin, X his mark