

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Grant, W1757

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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

On this [blank] 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 to go to Fooses Ford. They were pursued by Col. Tarleton to Blackstock's where there was an engagement 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 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 & 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, and in the battle did command as a Lieut. under Capt. 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 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. 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 had taken Wright's Bluff—Greene the Congaree Fort. They were then sent home to collect more men and ordered to meet at 96 where Genl Greene intended to besiege that Fort and drive the Enemy from the back country. He did raise some men [&] joined Major Jolley [sic, John Jolly] of Col. Brandon's Regiment [&] went to the siege at 96 & 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 96.

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 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 [&] 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.

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, Lee & 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]¹ 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

S/ John Myers

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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Before me personally appeared Aaron Guiton [sic, Aaron Guyton]² 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.

[On June 29, 1853, in Anderson District SC, Mary Grant,70, filed for a widows pension 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.]

[fn 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.]

¹ [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

² [Aaron Guyton W21237](#)

[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.