Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Griffin ¹ R4315 Mary Griffin Transcribed by Will Graves 9/2/08 rev'd 5/25/15

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State of North Carolina, Columbus County: Term 1856 Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions On this the 11th day of February 1856 Personally came Mary Griffin a resident of said County & State aged about 68 years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Act of Congress passed 3rd February 1853 – granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary War, that she is the widow of Jos Griffin who was a soldier and the Revolutionary war & whose service is substantiated by the papers accompanying this declaration

She further swears that she was married to said Joseph Griffin on the 6 day of June 1806 and that her said Husband died on the 10th day of October 1829 but she was not married to him prior to the 2 January 1800 but at the time above stated, -- She further declares that she is now a widow

S/ Mary Griffin, X her mark

[Attested by Alfred Smith, JP]

[Francis Lennon and James McColskey gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On September 29, 1855 in Columbus County North Carolina, Mary Griffin, 68, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Joseph Griffin, deceased, who served as an Ensign in the company commanded by Captain John Ballard in the 2nd Regiment of North Carolina Militia, Halifax District North Carolina during the revolutionary war; that her husband entered service in the month of September 1780 for the term of 3 months and served 3 months until December 10, 1780; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Haynes; that they were married by Joseph Flowers in Robeson County North Carolina on June 6, 1806; that her husband died in Columbus County about the year 1829. She signed this document with her mark.]

State of North Carolina, Martin County

I hereby certify, That Joseph Griffin this Day appeared before me, one of the Justices of the Said County, and took the Oath of Allegiance, agreeable to Law. Given under my Hand this 27 Day of November 1780.

S/ John [last name uncertain, could be "Carrill"]

¹ BLWt44872-160-55

² This file on Fold3.com erroneously contains papers which properly belong in the file of Joseph Griffin S21247 beginning at frame 39 of the Fold3.com version.

State of North Carolina, Take County.

HEREBY certify, That of the faid County, and took the Oath of Allegiance, agreeable to Law. Given under my Hand this

Day of Section Carolina, Take County, and took the Oath of Allegiance, agreeable to Law.

This may Certifie that Joseph Griffin Ensign under Capt John Ballard of the Second Regiment of the Halifax District has Served his Tour of Duty three Month according to Law & is hereby Discharged.

To all Whom this may Concern both Civil & Military Given under my hand This 10th day of December 1780. S/ Isaac Horn, Maj^{r.}

[p 18: Certificate dated October 23, 1855 signed by George W Brooks Comptroller of the state of North Carolina stating that records in his office show payments made for military service during the revolutionary war to Joseph Griffin as follows

Book No. 23 Page 33 £7.10.0 Army Certificate returned from Gates County

- " AM 15, Page 36 £9.0.0 Hillsboro District
- " Am 16, Page 55 £180.0.0 Halifax District]

[p 19: Certificate dated January 30th, 1857 from C H Brogden Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of North Carolina showing additional payments to "Joseph Griffin" in the Revolutionary war as follows:

Indent 239, £608 currency Halifax District February 1781, Specie Value £2.14 depreciation 225=1.

Indent No. 4141 £2 in specie Halifax District

Indent No. 916 £67.0.6 specie Edenton District

"The payment £180 currency in the former Certificate allowed to above was worth specie value 16 shillings the payment Book 23 Page 33 £7.10 specie was allowed at the Edenton District Certificate carried from Gates County and paid off at Hillsborough Treasury. Also the payment Book AM 15 page 36 was paid at the Hillsboro Treasury and was very probably brought from the Counties in the districts below." [there are no references to 'districts below' in this certificate.]