

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Griffith R4326

Susannah Griffith

VA

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[Capitalization and punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Tennessee }

Anderson County } SS

on this the 20th day of December 1838, personally appeared before me James Jones a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Susanna Griffith a Resident citizen of the county of Anderson aforesaid aged seventy three years the 6th day of April last past agreeable to her Record now in the possession of herself and her son William C Griffith who lives with her. She being born the 6th day of April 1765 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress pass'd July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widow's. that she is the widow of William Griffith who was according to her best knowledge and belief a Private Soldier of the Militia in the State of Virginia and served the Term of at least nine months, being at three diferent engagement's of three moths each perform'd in the War of the Revolution.

She states that she understands and believes that her said Deceased husband, William Griffith entered the service of the united States in the State of Virginia in Franklin County [formed in 1786 from Bedford and Henry counties] on Blackwater [River] she well recollects the time of his going from nighborhood, and of hearing her father Thomas Jones speak of seeing her husband in service, that her best recollection is that her husband first went to the Carolina country a three months tour after the tories and british she thinks under captain Rentfro [Renfro], and servd three month and brought a Parcel of tories under Guard. owing to the great lapse of time she cannot state with certainty the precise time of her said husband engaging in said service but from her best view of the case she believes it was in the fall preceeding the Battle at gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. She states she believes that her said husband again went a three moths Tour agreeable to the Virginia Militia Regulation sometime in the forepart of the year 1781, and went under Col Lynch [Charles Lynch of Bedford County] to various points and places after the enemy in North Carolina, but that she always understood, that he was not in the Battle at guilford being on other routs by some order of some officer the particulars of which she has forgotten. She further believes that her said husband served an other tour of three months sometime in the spring and summer of 1781 under some captain, the name of whom she has forgotten and serv'd in the edge of Carolina and Viginia under Col Lynch, as she believes as to the particulars of his manner of engagement, she believes he first volunteerd and the two last times he went according to his time, that he always said that he served a little upwards of nine months in the war of the Revolution. The Declarant states positively that she being raised in the country her said husband went from that she well recollects his being understood to be absent in said war that is from the then neighborhood report of all who knew him. that she knows he did serve from every circumstance, that she has no knowledge as to the manner of his discharges. She states she has no record nor documentary evidence of her said husbands service She states that she has no otherer evidence of said husbands service than the traditionary evidence which she believes is generally understood by his whole acquaintance in the neighborhood where he lived for thirty years before he died

She further states that she was married to her said deceased husband to wit the said William Griffith August the 3<sup>d</sup> 1782 in Franklin County Virginia, the record of the time of her said marriage and her husbands birth and her birth is now in the hands of her son William C Griffith, who lives with herself which contains also the birth of the children born of the bodies of her said husband and herself She further declares that her said husband departed this life in Anderson County Tennessee on the 31<sup>st</sup>

day of July 1834 that her son William C Griffith has made a record of the same she positively states that the same is the true time of her said husbands death

She states that she was not married to the said William Griffith prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, to wit at the time above stated. She further states that she has not intermarried since the Death of her said husband, but continues to be the widow of the said William Griffith Deceased

Susanna herXmark Griffith

NOTE: Major William C. Griffith stated that he was "in the act of preparing papers for his father to draw a Pension just a little before he died," and that he made the entry of his father's death in the family record transcribed below. On 1 Nov 1852 William C. Griffith wrote from Robertsville Post Office TN that he had two brothers and two sisters living out of the nine sons and three daughters born to his parents. On 15 May 1854 he stated that Susanna Griffith died on 10 Feb 1843, and that her claim for a pension had been denied for lack of proof of her husband's service..

William Griffith was Born November the 4 In the Year of our Lord 1758

Susanna Griffith was Born Aprile the 6 in the Year of our Lord 1765

We Was Married August the 3th in the Year of our Lord 1782

Amos Griffith was born In August the 24<sup>th</sup> Day in the year of our Lord 1783

Thomas Griffith Was Born fabuary the 12 in the year of our Lord 1785

Benjaman Griffith Was born april the 10 in the year of our lord 1787

Levina Griffith Was Born fabuary the 28<sup>i</sup> in the year of our Lord 1789

Marey Griffith Was born fabuary the 19 in the year of our Lord 1791

jacob Griffith Was Born May the 26 in the year of our Lord 1792

Joseph Griffith Was born august the 18 in 1794

annah Griffith Was born july the 11 in 1796

Isaac Griffith Was born june the 6 in 1798

John Griffith Was born September 13<sup>th</sup> in 1800

William Griffith Was born September 11<sup>th</sup> in 1802

jessee Griffith Was born february 5<sup>th</sup> in 1805

David Griffith Was Born may the 5 1807

Susanna Griffith was Born August the 27 1811

~~Saryann Clater Griffith was Born May the 30<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1825~~

Lusindy Was Born the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of august In the Year of our Lord 1809

Bob Was Born february 2<sup>th</sup> 1812

Tervis [possibly lewis] was born july the 24 1815

Randolf was born Genuary the 12 1817

Jacob Was born November the 24 1817

William Griffith sen'r Deceased the 31<sup>rst</sup> day of July 1834 50 minutes after Eleven Oclock at Knight &c