

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Grist R4341

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Pennsylvania Westmoreland County: SS

On this thirteenth day of April 1835 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County now sitting Jacob Grist of Hempfield Township in said County aged 72 Years, who being duly Sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832, – that he entered the Service of the United States in the Month of August 1779 as a Substitute for his father who was drafted in the Militia of Lancaster County Pennsylvania, where he then resided, I was enrolled in Captain Paxton's company, 22nd Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia, Commanded by Colonel Thompson, I Joined the company at Lancaster, and was marched to the Brandy Wine [Brandywine], where we encamped at Gulf's Mill the company to which I belonged was called out on a tour of two months only when the two months had expired the troops who were to occupy the station had not arrived and we volunteered our service for one month, when we were relieved by troops from Virginia. At the termination of the three months, I was discharged. I received a written discharge which I have long since lost. – Again in the month of June 1780 I served a tour of two months as a substitute for my father (Simon Grist, who was drafted) in a company commanded by Captain Gourley, in the same Regiment of Militia as above. We marched from Strawsburg [Strasburg?] to Downingstown [Downingtown?], from thence to the Banks of the Delaware [River] and were encamped at a place called Correll's Ferry; I was discharged about eight miles from this place I received a written discharge which I have since lost. In the month of July (as near as I can recollect) in 1781, I enlisted in the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment, then stationed at Carlisle, and commanded by Colonel Craig, I was enrolled in a company commanded by Captain Gourley, the same that I had served under in the Militia but who had then obtained a commission in the above Regiment of Continental troops. I enlisted for the term of Eighteen months as a private we were marched from Carlisle to Little York [PA], where we were kept for some short time under drill, we then marched to four mile run, and from thence to Philadelphia, we were embarked aboard Vessels lying at Pennsylvania and sailed up Christeen Creek [possibly intended to refer to Christina River] to Christeen Bridge, we landed here and marched to the head of Elk, in the State of Maryland, where we were embarked and sailed to Baltimore, at Baltimore we went aboard several small Galleys, and sailed under convoy of the *Washington* Privateer to the mouth of James River, in Virginia. We passed through the French Fleet which was then lying off York Harbor, blockading Cornwallis' Army at York Town, we were landed at the mouth of James River, and soon after Joined General Washington's Army, which was lying before York Town, After the Battle at Yorktown & capture

of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and about the latter part of the month of October, the Regiment to which I belonged, in company with the Pennsylvania Troops under the Command of General St. Clair [Arthur St. Clair?], were marched to South Carolina, where we joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army sometime in the winter at a place called Ponpon [Pon Pon, now South Edisto River], and were soon afterwards encamped at a place called Cyprus Hills. We had some fighting near this place on the banks of a River (its name I cannot recollect but I think it was called Combee or Combahee) [Battle of Combahee Ferry, August 25, 1782]¹ the British had sent some small craft up the river and landed some troops, with whom we had a pretty smart engagement for a short time, We were obliged to retreat across a Swamp with Considerable loss, but was soon met and Surrounded by a reinforcement of troops under the Command of General Guess [Brigadier General Mordechai Gist], and the British took to their boats and ascended the river. Colonel Lawrence [Lieutenant Colonel John Laurens]² who had the Command of the American troops in advance and in which I was, killed early in the engagement. Afterwards I think in the month of March we had a Slight Skirmish with the British troops on the road to Charleston. The British retreated and made to their shipping. Sometime in the month of November or December following. General Green gave orders that all those who had served out there 18 months should be marched home. We were marched to Lancaster in Pennsylvania and after lying there some time, we were discharged by Colonel Hampton. I received a written discharge which I kept for a long time afterwards in my trunk, but it has been lost now for many years, and I am unable to tell what has become of it. – As well as I am able to remember it was about twenty months or more from the time I was enrolled at Carlisle, until I was discharged at Lancaster, – I was engaged in the Battle at Yorktown and in the Battle near the Cyprus hills in South Carolina where Colonel Lawrence was killed, I served five months as a Substitute in the Militia of Lancaster County – and twenty months in the 4th Regiment of Pennsylvania troops, declarant is unable to find any surviving witness who can testify to his Services in the Militia, and states that William Jenkinson³ who was with him during the whole of his tour in the South can testify to the same. Declarant served in all 25 months as a private during the Revolutionary War, for which he claims a pension, and does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

To the interrogatories put by the Court Declarant answers as follows

1. That he was born in Lancaster County in the year 1763
2. I have a record of my age, & now produce it in court.
3. I lived in Earl Township Lancaster County – after the War I resided for many years in Northumberland County and moved to Westmoreland in the year 1820, where I have been ever since.
4. The answer to this interrogatory is embodied in my declaration
5. All that [I] can recollect to this interrogatory is embodied in my declaration
6. This is also answered in the foregoing declaration
7. Declarant states the names of James Jones, Jacob Lobingier, Peter Kestler, Samuel Lippeneatt & Christian Fetter

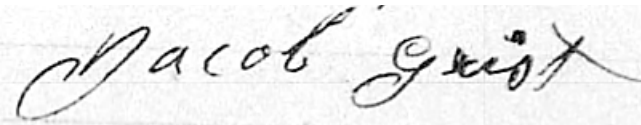
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Grist

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_combahee_ferry.html

² [John Laurens BLWt781-450](#)

³ [William Jenkinson \(Jenkins\) S7068](#)



[John Lobengier, and associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and Andrew Erwin of Donegal Township gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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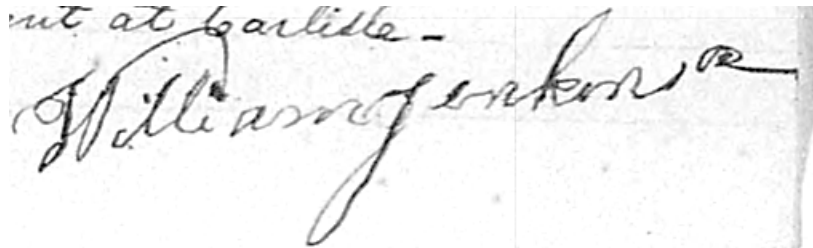
Personally came into open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County, now sitting, William Jenkinson aged Eighty years, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Jacob Grist a soldier of the Revolutionary war now applying for a pension – that said applicant enlisted in the month of June or July, 1781, at Carlisle in Cumberland County in the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment of Continental Troops Commanded by Colonel Craig that said Applicant was enrolled in a company commanded by Captain Gourley and marched with said Regiment to Yorktown and was engaged in the Battle at said place with Cornwallis's Army, Deponent further states that after the capture of Cornwallis said applicant was marched from the neighborhood of Yorktown with the Pennsylvania Troops to South Carolina, and was in an engagement between the American Army under the command of General Guess [Mordecai Gist] and the British on the banks of a river near the Cyprus hills, Deponent further states that after the expiration of 18 months (the time for which they had enlisted) said Grist was march[ed] in company with deponent & others, under command of Captain Studsbury, the Senior Captain of the Regiment to Lancaster, and there discharged twenty months & upwards after he joined the said Regiment at Carlisle.

Sworn and subscribed in open court this 13th day of April 1835

Attest

S/ Randal McLaughlin, Prot.

S/ William Jenkinson



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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America

The Petition of Jacob Grist a soldier of the Revolutionary War – Respectfully Represents –

That your Petitioner is now a resident of Hempfield Township Westmoreland County State of Pennsylvania and was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in the year 1763, that he entered the Service of the United States in the year 1779 – as a substitute for his father and was enrolled in a company of the Lancaster Militia, commanded by Captain Paxton and attached to the 22nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson. Joined the Company at Lancaster & marched to the Brandywine, to Gulf's Mills; where I served a tour of three months duty – the following year, I served a tour of two months duty as a substitute for my father in a company of

militia belonging to the same Regiment commanded by Captain Gourley – We were marched to Correll's Ferry on the Delaware, where we were in camp two months. I received my discharge about Eight miles above this place, with which my former discharge or long lost.

In the month of July 1781, I enlisted in the 3rd or 4th (cannot now remember which) Pennsylvania Regiment of Continental troops, then stationed at Carlisle, and Commanded by Colonel Craig. I was enrolled in a Company commanded by Captain Gourley (the same person under whom I had served a tour in the Militia). I enlisted for the term of 18 months, we marched from Carlisle to Little York and were camped there for some weeks under drill, We afterwards marched to Philadelphia, where we embarked and sailed up Christeen Creek to the bridge at Christeen where we landed and marched to the head of Elk, in Maryland, where we embarked and sailed to Baltimore, from thence we sailed under convoy of the *Washington* Privateer to the mouth of James River in Virginia, we passed through the French Fleet then lying off York Harbor, we landed in immediately Joined General Washington's Army, lying near Yorktown; the second day following I was engaged in the Battle of Yorktown, and a few days after, the Regiment to which I belonged, was marched in company with the Pennsylvania troops under the command of General St. Clair to South Carolina where we joined General Greene's Army, sometime in the Winter, at a place called "Ponpon" we were encamped at a place called "Cyprus Hills" near which place we had some hard fighting with the British on the bank of a river (name not recollected) the British had sent some gunboats and small craft up the river in the night and had landed the troops with whom we were engaged, we were obliged to retreat for some distance with considerable loss in this engagement the brave Colonel Laurence fell mortally wounded,. The Continental troops were commanded at this place by General Gist, – about the first of March 1782, we had a slight skirmish or running fire with the British, on the Charleston Road, they fled and made to their shipping.

In the month of December 1782, General Greene issued orders for all those who had served out there tour of 18 months to be marched home and discharged, Myself and a great many others, were marched home under the Command of Captain Studsbury to Carlisle, and after remaining there for some time were discharged by Colonel Hampton, in this Tour I served over twenty-two months before I was discharged, My discharge was partly in print and partly in writing. I kept a long time in my trunk but it has long since been lost. I never had intended to apply for a pension but old age & consequent infirmities has rendered me unable to earn a living by my industry. I applied to the War Office in March 1836 for a pension, but owing to the death of some of my old fellow soldiers, and a want of knowledge of the place of residence of others, I was unable to bring my case within the rules prescribed by the regulations of said Office which in such cases require the testimony of two disinterested witnesses – whereas I was only able to procure the testimony of but one witness, to wit, that of William Jenkinson who enlisted with me at the same time, served during the said tour of duty (though not in the same company) and was discharged at the same time and place with your petitioner, his deposition is on file in the War Office, with my former application, to which Your Honorable Bodies are respectfully referred – Your Petitioner therefore praise your Honorable Bodies to grant him a pension under the provisions of the act of 7th July 1832 [sic, June 7th, 1832], or such relief as your Honorable bodies may deem Just and right, and he will ever pray &c

S/ Jacob Grist

State of Pennsylvania Westmoreland County: SS

Jacob Grist the above Petitioner being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true to the best of his knowledge and recollection.

Sworn and subscribed before me the 2nd day of January 1838

S/ William Ramsey, JP

S/ Jacob Grist

[p 14: The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions recommended the petitioner's petition be granted and that he receive a pension based on his 18 months service.]

FEBRUARY 23, 1838.

Mr. KLINGENSMITH, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions,
made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the
petition of Jacob Grist, report:*

That the petitioner states that in the year 1779 he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for his father, in the 22d regiment of Pennsylvania militia, commanded by Colonel Thompson; that he served three months in this tour; that the year following he again served two months as a substitute for his father in the same regiment; and that in the month of July, in the year 1781, he enlisted for eighteen months in the 4th regiment of Pennsylvania continental troops, commanded by Colonel Craig; that he was marched from Carlisle to Little York, then to Philadelphia, then to Baltimore, from thence he sailed under convoy of the "Washington" privateer to the mouth of James river in Virginia, and joined General Washington's army; that he was engaged in the battle of Yorktown; that a few days after he was marched to South Carolina, and was encamped at a place called "Cypress hills," near which they had some hard fighting with the British on the banks of a river, (name not recollected;) that in the month of December, 1782, he was marched home to Carlisle under the command of Captain Studsbury, and was discharged by Colonel Hampton; that it was twenty months from the time he enlisted till he was discharged. There is no proof before the committee of the service of the two first tours, but the affidavit of William Jenkinson fully proves the eighteen months' service. The committee think that the petitioner is entitled to a pension for eighteen months' service, and therefore report a bill.

Thomas Allen, print.

[p 10: A note reads: "Report Adverse – evidence of service insufficient – Jenkinson, an applicant for A pension, the only Witness – And Gist [sic] the only witness for Jenkinson – neither appear on the muster or payroll in an 18 mos. service. Klingensmith 176"]

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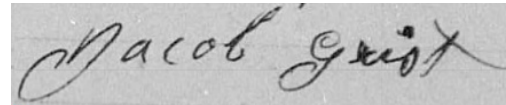
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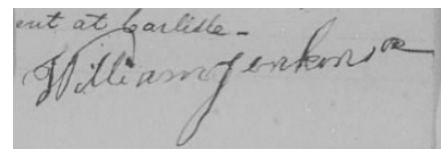
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- 7 Declarant states the names of James Jones, Jacob Lobingier , Peter Kestler, Samuel Lippencott, & Christian Fetter [as neighbors who can certify Grist’s veracity and reputation as a soldier of the Revolution.]



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Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honorable Bodies, to grant him a pension under the provisions of the act of 7th July 1832 or such relief as your Honorable bodies may deem just and right and he will pray &c.

[2 Jan 1838]



NOTE: The file contains a copy of a report from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions of the House of Representatives in favor of Grist's receiving a pension for 18 months service, but here is no pension certificate or other evidence in the file indicating that Grist drew a pension. The file includes a letter by "Barbrey an Tucker" of Athens County OH dated 30 Oct 1857 that reads in part as follows: "my Father served in the Revalutioary War and Drawd a Pention Ten or twelve years at Greansburg Westmorlain County Pennsyvaina and I as one of his Heirs Claim the Rite to Draw the Land which He served for."