

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Gryder (Grider) S31078

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County & Circuit: Sct.

On this 9th day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the said Circuit Court Martin Gryder aged eighty-one years, a resident Citizen of Cumberland County State aforesaid, who being first sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer from the County of Burke North Carolina in a light horse Company Commanded by Captain Moses Gess or Gist [Moses Guest] in the year 1779 under Colonel Joseph McDowell that he continued in service in that tour ten months and was discharged by said Colonel McDowell at Morgan Town [sic, Morganton] at the end of said service of ten months But his discharge was not in writing. That afterwards to wit in the month of June 1780 he again entered the service of the United States from the County of Wilkes North Carolina in a light horse Company commanded by Captain John Keys [John Kees] under Colonel Benjamin Cleveland as a volunteer that he Continued in that service under said Captain Keys six months and received his discharge but not in writing in Wilkes County North Carolina from Major Lewis. That he was at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]¹ at the taking of Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson].

I do 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Martin Gryder, X his mark

Q 1st When and in what year were you born?

A: I was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1750

Q 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: I have not, I once had but lost it.

Q 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Burke County North Carolina. I lived in Burke County North Carolina 6 years after the war removed to Madison County Kentucky there remained 3 years, then to Adair County Kentucky & lived there 6 years, then removed to Cumberland County Kentucky and have lived there ever since.

Q 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I volunteered both tours I served

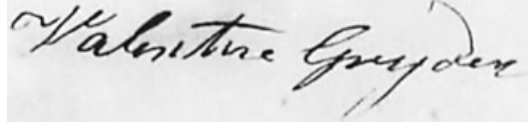
Valentine Gryder² of Cumberland County aged 70 years appeared in open Court, and made oath that of his own knowledge, the affiant Martin Gryder who has subscribed and sworn to the above application

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

² [Valentine Gryder W11082](#)

did serve in the revolutionary war as stated by him in his 2 tours – one tin and the other of 6 months.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Valentine Gryder

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valentine Gryder".

[William Butler and Joseph J. Bledsoe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the North Carolina militia (Cavalry)]