

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Grinter S36560

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State of Kentucky Logan County Sct.

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Logan aforesaid John Grinter resident citizen in said County aged Seventy-five years next June who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of March 1818, and 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, that he the said John Grinter Enlisted for the term of Three years on or about June 1777 in the State of Virginia Prince Edward County in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Boyers (but was enlisted by Lieutenant William Porter) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jonathan Clark in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment That he continued to serve in said Corps until after the taking of Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] [October 19, 1781] that although he only enlisted for three years he continued in service for upwards of four years that he was taken prisoner at Charleston on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May [1780] and continued prisoner nearly fifteen months when he was exchanged at Williamsburg in Virginia he was at the Battle and in the hottest of it when Corn Wallace was taken at York and in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ John Grinter, X his mark

Schedule

I claim 100 acres of poor land & improvements	\$75.00
With 2 old horses one about 17 years old & the other	
Blind & 17 years old & 2 Colts	45/00
A Small Stock of cattle	<u>50.00</u>
	\$165.00

My Occupation is a farmer no person in family but myself & wife & a small grandchild my wife is nearly about my own age and we are both very infirm not able to work for a support.

S/ John Grinter, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Butler County Sct.

This day Robert Thompson personally appeared before me William E Dixon a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that John Grinter enlisted for the Term of three years in the Summer 1777 in the State of Virginia (Prince Edward County) in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Boyers (but was enlisted by Lieutenant William Porter) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jonathan Clark I think the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the Continental establishment. Said Thompson further states that said John Grinter was living with my father John Thompson as an apprentice at the time of his enlistment and did not return home for upwards of four years having stayed upwards of a year more than his enlistment owing as he understood [to] his being detained as a prisoner of war with the British after his Term of service had expired he knows it was generally understood that in the neighborhood that said Grinter was taken prisoner at Charleston under General Lincoln.

S/ Robert Thompson, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Butler County Sct.

This day Thomas Carson Senior personally appeared before me William E Dixon a Justice of the peace for Butler County & made oath that he lived in Prince Edward County State of Virginia at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and that he enlisted in February 1776 and that in November or December 1777 Lieutenant William Porter arrived at Valley Forge and John Grinter was then with him enlisted in the Continental establishment for the Term of three years in the Virginia line he was well acquainted with said John Grinter before his enlistment and ever since his return from the service he knows that said Grinter was gone from home upwards of 4 years and from General report was in the said Continental service the whole time until he was taken prisoner which detained him over his time of service he further states that he is now well acquainted with said Grinter and knows him to be much afflicted with the Rheumatism and scarcely able to go about and is a very poor man but an honest up right man and a good & worthy citizen.

S/ Thomas Carson Senior

*Thomas Carson Senior*

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State of Kentucky Butler County

This day John H Grinter personally appeared before me William E Dixon a Justice of the peace for said County & made oath that his father John Grinter on the first day of September 1808 gave to him his land that he was entitled to for his services in the Revolutionary War which was evidenced by warrant No. 4174, which was surveyed on the Scioto [River] in the State of Ohio which is evidenced by said John Grinter's bond here enclosed and made a part of this affidavit he further states that he went on to the State of Ohio and found Lee Land as described in said instrument of writing and sold the same for 3 little chunks of [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> the

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land being very sorry and scarcely worth anything.

S/ John H Grinter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Grinter". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'J' and 'G'.

State of Kentucky Logan County Sct

Be it remembered that at a County Court held for said County of Logan (being a Court of Record) on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1829 John Grinter of said County came into open Court and exhibited and filed the following statement which is duly recorded, to wit, State of Kentucky Logan County Sct. John Grinter who on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1829 made his declaration in order to obtain a Pension under the Laws of the United States this day appeared in open Court being a court of record for said County of Logan and after being duly sworn upon his oath saith

That he did not know that he was entitled to a under any Law of the United States until the publication made by the late Secretary of War, Some of his friends in Russellville sent him a newspaper containing the above named publication. He states he knew of the Laws Granting pensions but always understood that they did not extend to any person who owned any land. He further states that until lately he has been able to work so as to be able to make a sufficiency to live upon but is now so reduced by old age and afflicted with the Rheumatism that he can do but little towards a support. He further states that shortly after his discharge from the Army he gave his discharge to Major Richard Bibb then living in Virginia who went to Richmond and delivered up his discharge in order to obtain a Land Warrant for his Services And that said Bibb did actually get his Land warrant for his said services & Certificate for what money was coming to him which was one hundred four pounds, four shillings and eight pence, as well as he now recollects, which he sold for sixty pounds.

He further states that no change has taken place in his property by sale gift or otherwise since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 more than killing stock for support some small losses by death, wear &c.

S/ John Grinter, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 15, 1829, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]