

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Faucheraud Grimke¹ W11088 Mary Grimke f44SC
Transcribed by Will Graves 9/29/08 rev'd 11/9/15

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of South Carolina, City of Charleston

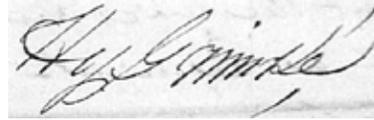
On this 19th day of September 1839 personally appeared before me Thomas Lee Judge of the District court of the United States for the District of South Carolina Henry Grimke a son and sole qualified Executor of the late Mrs. Mary Grimke, in her life time and at the time of her death, a resident of the City aforesaid and aged about 76 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain for the children of said Mary Grimke the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows -- That his mother the said Mrs. Mary Grimke who departed this life on the 21st day of July 1839 was at the time of her death the widow of the late Honorable John F. Grimke a Colonel in the fourth Regiment of the South Carolina line who entered the service at the beginning of the war as a Lieutenant of Artillery in rose successively through all the stages to the grade of Colonel as aforesaid, all of which will more fully appear by the Documents herewith submitted. That the said Colonel Grimke was present at the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], at the storming of Savannah [September 16-October 19, 1779] and the Siege of Charleston and, of course, fell into the enemies hands when that City capitulated [Charleston fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. That the service prior to that time in which he was engaged was performed first under General Howe [Robert Howe of North Carolina] & then under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. That while a prisoner the British having grossly infringed the terms of the capitulation he the said John F. Grimke considering his parole as at an end escaped and joined the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], who approved of his conduct & granted him a detachment with which he returned to Haddrell's Point and in sight of the British in Charleston captured the guard and liberated every American officer then in the hands of the enemy at that post, with a number of whom he returned to General Greene and continued in the service until the close of the war. That the said John F. Grimke, as appears by Moultrie's *History of the Revolution in South Carolina*, joined the Army of General Greene as above stated on or about March 1781, and, in the language of William Read a Surgeon in the Army of the Revolution "did serve throughout the war and terminated a Colonel of a Regiment." That the said John F. Grimke was a native of the City of Charleston and resided there until his death in August 1819.

This Deponent further declares that his mother the said Mary Grimke as appears by the

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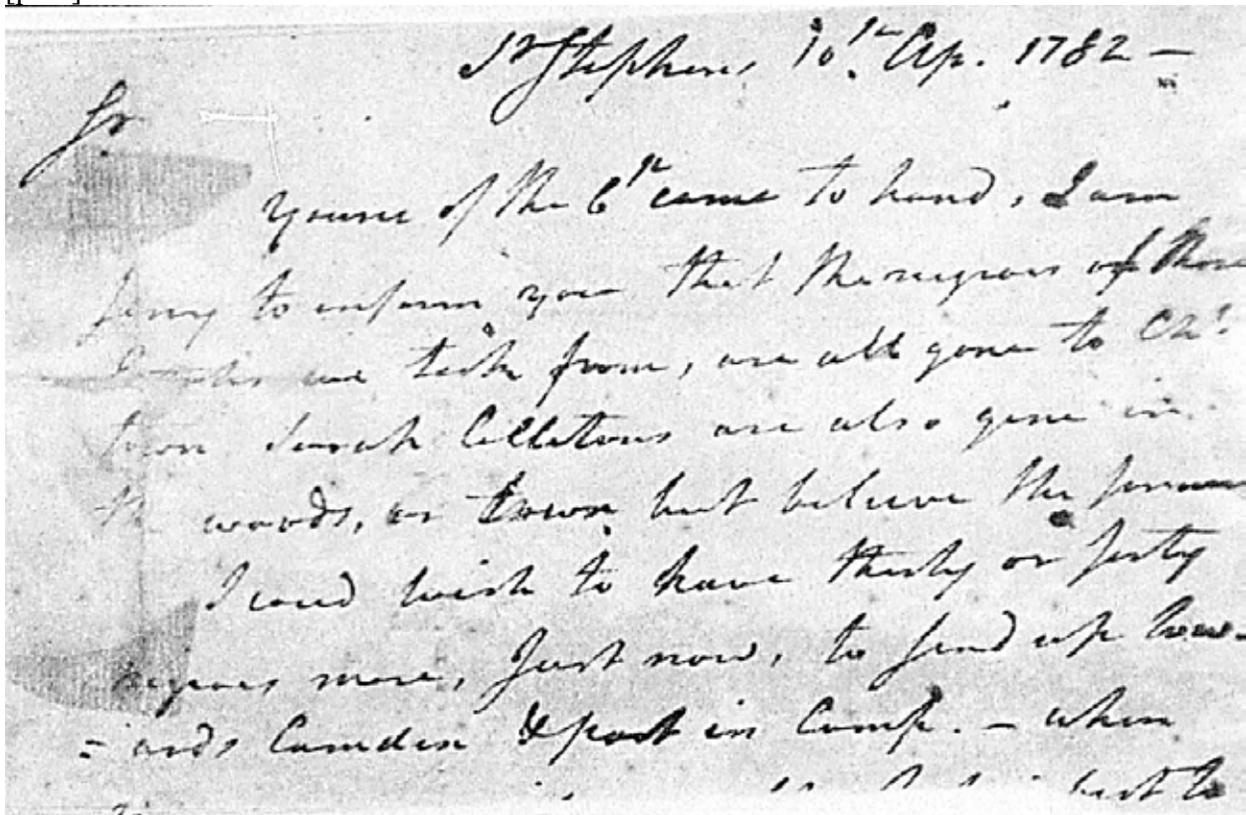
certificate of the Rev'd Dr Gadsden herewith shown was married to the said John F. Grimke on the 12th day of October 1784 that her husband the aforesaid John F. Grimke died on the 9th day of August in the year above stated. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated and that she was married a second time but died the widow of the aforesaid John F. Grimke on the 21st day of July 1839 as above mentioned leaving surviving her four sons viz., John, Frederick, Henry and Charles and five daughters viz. Mary, Sarah, Ann, Eliza and Angelina, all of whom are still living.

S/ Hy Grimke



S/ Thos. Lee, District Judge of the United States for South Carolina

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[I (Will Graves) believe the above to be a fragment of a letter from Francis Marion as the handwriting appears to be his:

The Text is transcribed as follows]

St. Stephens 10th Ap. 1782

Sir

Yours of the 6th came to hand, I am Sorry to inform you that the negroes of Thom[as] {or those}[illegible last name] we took from, are all gone to Ch^s town [Charleston] Sarah Colletons are also gone in the woods, or town, but believe the former.

I could wish to have thirty or forty negroes more, Just now, to Send up towards Camden &

post in Camp. When...

[pp 16-21: another document]

No. 5

Major Grimke of the Continental Artillery

Two Sisters

[no copy of the contents of this cover sheet appear in the file as posted]

Copy of Capt. Sims White

Recuit Orders for Lieut.

John Faucheraud Grimke

No. 2

21 Nov. 1775

*Recruiting Orders for Capt. Sims White of
the South Carolina Artillery Regiment*

*These are to authorise you by Beal of Drummer
otherwise to raise in any part of this Colony or in the
Colonies of North Carolina Georgia or Virginia, as great a
number of able Men as you can, not exceeding one hundred
toward completing a Regiment of Three Hundred to serve
in the pay of the Colony of South Carolina*

*You are not to enlist any Men under five feet
five inches high or above Forty years of age You are to
take great care the Recruits have not ulcered legs, that
they be sober & active men, you may give or cause to be
given to every Man at the time of his enlistment Twenty
five pounds Current Money of this Colony by way of
Sery Money*

*You are to enlist no man for a less time
than Six Months certain, nor for a longer than two years nor
are you to discharge any Man after having been
duly enlisted upon any pretence whatsoever*

*You are to use your best endeavours to discover —
such Persons as shall at any time Desert and cause —
them to be Apprehended and lodge informations before
the Council of Safety against all Persons as shall —
be concerned in harbouring concealing or assisting —
Deserters knowing them to be such or buying or
selling*

Receiving their Arms^s Clothes & accoutrements —
You are frequently to report to the Commanding
Officer of the Regiment the success you meet with in
recruiting and every matter relative to yourself & parties —
You are to be carefull not to promise the
making any man a Sergeant but in consequence
of his good behaviour.

You will inform the men that the Congress
will make provision for the support of all persons
who may be maimed or disabled in the Public Service
and also of the Families of such as may be killed in
the like Service.

You are to give a Copy of these Orders to
every Officer under your Command, and he is
hereby enjoined strictly to comply with them.

Charlestown

21 Nov: 1775

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of the S: Carolina Artillery Reg^{te}

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Approved Recruit to wards defraying their Recruiting Expenses —
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Levy money in Clothes &c.

As soon as you have procured ten or twelve recruits
you are to make a Lance Sergeant of the one
most fit to take care of the rest, and send them
soon to head Quarters.

Copy

for Lieut John Tucker and Jimbus

James White
3 Captⁿ in the S: Carolina Regim^t
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S/ Ow Roberts, Lieut. Coll. [sic, Owen Roberts]

22 Novr 1775

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For Lieut. John Faucheraud Grimke

[p9 22- 23]

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 I have not sent the Book. I am
 Yr most hble Servt.
 Chris Gadsden
 Tuesday Morng 18 Aug. 1778

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Augt. 18, 1778

Purysburgh 11th March 1779. —

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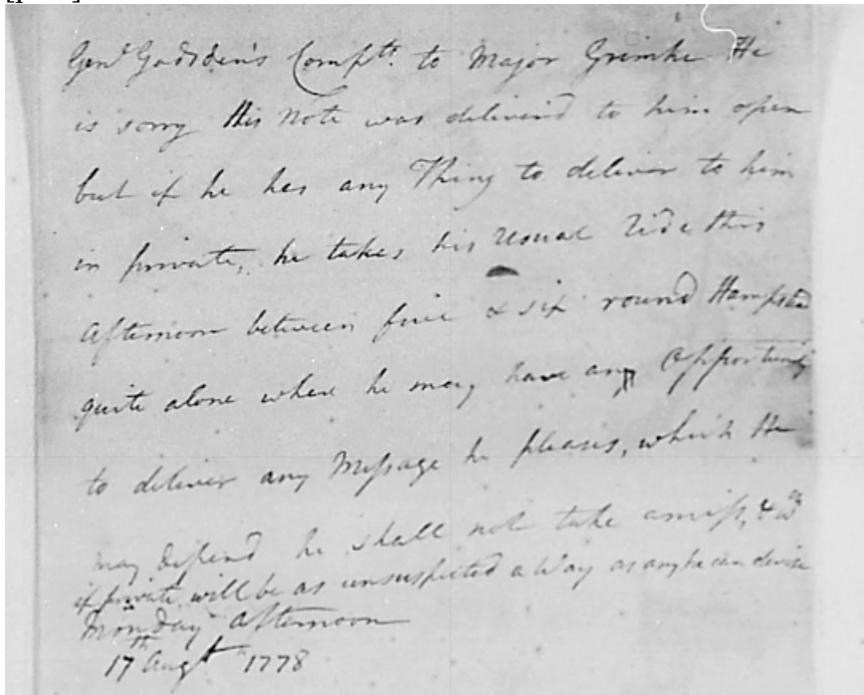
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S/ Ow Roberts

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Gen'l Gadsden's Compts. to Major Grimke. He is sorry this note was delivered to him open but if he has any thing to deliver to him in private, he takes his usual ride this afternoon between five & six round Hampstead quite alone where he may have any opportunity to deliver any message he pleases, which he may depend he shall not take amiss, & if private will be as unsuspected a way as any he can devise.
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17th August 1778

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Gen. Marion's
Letters 7 July 1782

No. 9.

Col. J. F. Grimke

7 July 1782

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Mr. James Brackington has
 showed me your Letter to him -
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 at the getting of the Genl. Assembly -
 I found Mr. Brackington doing Duty
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Yours
 Y^o aff^r

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[transcript of the above letter]
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I mean to represent Mr. Brockington's case in the next Sitting of the Assembly & make no Doubt, but he will be considered & the force of the present Law will be made void.

I am yr Obt. St.

S/ Francis Marion

William Read Surgeon

No. 10

Meeting Street October 4 1838

H. Grimke, Esqr.

Dr. Sir,

I received your letter of inquiry respecting the services of your Father in the Army of the United States. That he did serve throughout the war & terminated Colonel of a Regiment I am certain, & I think that he was made Prisoner of War at the fall of Charleston. I believe likewise that he was one of those paroled at Haddrell's Point-- so prominent & conspicuous a Men as John Faucheraud Grimke must be spoken of in Moultrie's, & other History, to which I would refer you. It is out of my power to say anything of his services. I served at the South in 1776, & to the North until 1780, & knew nothing of this Country except by rapid visits on Army business until General Greene marched into the conquest in 1782 -- Colonel Grimke was a member of the Society of Cincinnati, & is probably further identified by accepting, among a number of others, the compromise with Congress, called commutation -- I am sorry that I cannot be more personally particular respecting your respectable Parent. Colonel Samuel Warren may probably be able to give you something an Army detail. I reply specially that you may have time, & opportunity to refer to Colonel Warren, if necessary.

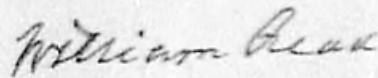
N. B. Judge Desaussure may give you some useful information.

I am

Dr. Sir

with a high respect

S/ William Read²



[Read's letter is attested by Thomas Lee, District Judge of the United States for South Carolina on September 19, 1839]

[p 43: In a letter dated October 14, 1839 sent from Charleston by Henry Grimke to JL Edwards, the Commissioner of Pensions, the correspondent lists the surviving children of Mrs. Mary Grimke as follows: John Grimke, Frederick Grimke, Henry Grimke, Charles Grimke, Mary

² [William Read S4766](#)

Grimke, Sarah M Grimke, Ann R. Frost, Eliza C Grimke and Angelinor E. Weld]

[Veteran's widow was posthumously pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, and ending July 21st, 1839 when she died. Her pension was based on the service of her husband as a Major & Lieutenant Colonel in the South Carolina Continental line.]