

Pension Application for Benjamin Griffin or Griffen

W.23150 (Widow: Phebe)

State of New York

Putnam County SS.

Prosvent to an act of Congress passed 18th March 1818 providing for those officers & soldiers &c who served in the war of the Revolution & who are in reduced circumstances in life.

Personally came before me Barnabas Carver one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County of Putnam, Benjamin Griffin of the Town of Carmel in said County, who being by me duly sworn deposeth & saeth that in the year 1775 he enlisted for nine months into Canada in Gen. Montgomery Expedition & actively served out the full period of his enlistment & was discharged by proper authority & then in the year 1776 he enlisted for during the War into Capt. Jacob Wright's Company in the 2nd York Regiment Commanded by Col. Philip VanCortlandt and actively served out he full period of his enlistment & when Peace took place was honorably discharged by Gen. Washington at a place called Snake Hill in Orange County State of New York & that his is poor and needy having no property & much in want of assistance from his country to support him in his advanet age in life & further this deponent seth not. (Signed) Benjamin Griffin

Sworn & subscribed this eight day of April in the year 1818 before me Barnabas Carver one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Putnam.

Letter in folder dated September 22, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.23150, it appears that Benjamin Griffin or Griffen enlisted in 1775 and served nine months as a private, and went on General Montgomery's Expedition to Canada; he enlisted in 1776 and served in Captain Jacob Wright's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's New York Regiment, and "When Peace took place", was discharged at Snake Hill New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1818, while a resident of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, aged sixty-eight years. He died May 27, 1825.

Soldier married July 17, 1785 at White Plains, New York, Phebe Stenrod or Steenrod. She was allowed pension on her application executed September 26, 1838, while a resident of Somers, Westchester County, New York. She was born January 13, 1765.

Son, John was living in Somers, New York in 1839 and aged fifty years.

In 1820, soldier referred to Cornelius Griffin as aged eleven years, but did not state any relationship. There are no further data as to family.