

Pension Application David Griffing

S.31711

State of Connecticut

Middlesex County

Probate, District of SayBrook in s'd County.

On this tenth day of Sept'r 1832 personally appeared, in open Court before the Court of Probate holden at SayBrook in and for the District of SayBrook in the County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut—the same being a court of Records, now sitting David Griffin a resident of [Kilsingworth?] in the County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, aged sixty nine years, who being first sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was born at South hold on Long Island in the State of New York—then there is a record on the Family Bible of his late parents of his age—that he will be seventy years of age if he lived the 23d day of Dec'r 1832.

That he enlisted at said South hold on the 28th day of February 1776—to serve one year – in the War of the Revolution—and he thinks in the Continental Establishment, but is not certain.

The company in which he served, was commanded by David Griffin, Capt./ Father of the applicant/Benjamin Marvin, 1st Nathaniel Norton, 2d Lieut. & Jacob Conklin Ensign and David Conklin, Seth Marvin, Andrew Kent & Ezra Tuttle Sergeants. The Regiment was commanded by Col. James Clinton—afterwards Genl Clinton.

That he immediately joined the company at sd [said] South-hold,—that said company went immediately the thinks to Shelter Island, which is in Long Island Sound—and remained there he thinks until September—to guard the east end of Long Island at the same time Capt. Davi's [sic] company was on Montague Point & Capt Ros' Company on Oystermans point—and for the same purpose. There sd company left & [?], he thinks in Sept'r and went up toward river head, about thirty miles. Two other companies there met them—and express then arrived, with in foundation there the Island was given up or taken, and then we must get off from it, as soon as we could.

That said Companies all returned immediately to the Easter[n] end, until they arrived [?] SayBrook in Connecticut. Three [?] then came off from there, commanded by Capt. Charles Williams of sd SayBrook. Capt. [Riggine?] of [?] & does not recollect the others, and took the said three companies and companies, and [????] to sd SayBrook. Then all marched to New Haven and encamped—were there joined by troops from Rhode Island and went on to Long Island a part of them, a [?] company, commanded by the applicants father and tool a fort at Brook Haven and brought back over 60 prisoners.

The applicant did not go in this expedition, nor any of the rest of the war, for the applicant was a fifer in said company.

The applicant says that he was unwell and [?] at the stomach in consequence of which he received a furlough to go home, in the month of December; he thinks the latter part. There was snow on the ground, and had been for some time. He was never called upon again. The said company were dismissed, the February following as he understood & supposes at Fort Montgomery in the highlands. The applicant says that he served, faithfully as a Fifer in said company from the time he joined it as aforesaid; being about eleven months—was in no battle—and nothing important except as is herein related, transpired. He never had any written discharge.

The applicant says that he has resided in said Killingsworth ever since he left the Army as aforesaid. That he made application for a pension in 1831, and received an answer from J.L. Edwards Esq. which is herewith annexed. He understood that the proof was not sufficient. He understood that the proof was not sufficient.

He sent at that time the annexed deposition of Rufus Pain—and that was all. He now returns said deposition and also the deposition of his sister, Sarah Grinnol and also, the old pay roll [roll] of his fathers of said company on which will be found the name of the applicant.

He says the said payroll is the genuine original. That it was kept by his Father during his life time and since his death by the applicant. The officers of said company are all [?] he believes, & he knows of no one now living except Rufus Pain, who belonged to it.

The said David Griffin hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) David Griffing

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Samuel Ingham Judge of probate.