

Pension Application for Joshua Griffin

W.7583

B.L.Wt.7147-100. Issued Sept. 4, 1798 (no papers).

To the Honorable John C. Calboun, Esqr. Secty of War.

Luzerne County SS.

The deposition of Joshua Griffin of Provence in said county. Taken on his solmn [solemn] oath this 13th day of June AD 1828 before the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said for Luzerne in the State of Pennsylvania.

Who saith I enlisted into the service of my country I think in 1775 in to Captain Silas Purdy's Company minet [minute] men in New Malberry in the State of New York for nine months and went to the place where Fort Montgomery was built and helpt [helped] to lay the foundation of the Barracks and in 1776 as I think I entered into captain Isaac Belknapp's Company at Newburgh State aforesaid company of Rangers during the pleasure of Congress then in March 1777 I enlisted into Captain Hamtramack Company at Newburgh aforesaid during the war and went to Fort Montgomery and continued till 6th of October 1777 at that time the Fort was taken by the English the reason of my leaving Captain Belknap was he told me that orders had come from Congress to dismiss all the soldiers under him that would not list into the Standign troops so the same day myself and eight more of my fellow soldiers enlisted into captain Hamtramack company during the war and got the bounty of twenty dollars [?]

I was with General Silivan [Sullivan} in the Indian Campaign I was in Washington Army at York Town in Virginia at the Taking Lord CornWallis and helpt storm the fight hand ridout and the French the left hand redout [redoubt] and I continued in the same company till the army was disbanded and I got my regular discharge.

I sold my land to John Swensen for a half Joe and let him have my discharge to draw the land I since cald [called] on him for my discharge and he said he could not find it and did not no [know] what had be come of it the reason I sold my and was I expected it would be like my wagers [wages] that I never would get it. (Signed) Joshua Griffin

Sworn & subscribed before me the day & year before mentioned. Elisha S. Patter J.P.

Letter in folder dated October 18, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.7583, it appears that Joshua Griffin enlisted, date not stated, in the minute service in orange County, New York, under Captain Silas Purdy, in which he remained for some time; after which in August 1776, he enlisted in Captain Isaac Belknap's company of Rangers and served until March 1777, when he re-enlisted as private in Captain John Hamtrack's company, Colonels Dubois and Cortland's regiment, New York troops, and served six years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1818, while living in Province, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. In 1820, he stated that he was 62 years old, his wife Ann was 62 years old, and his grandchildren, Sally Miller was 11 years old and Minerve Atherton was 8 years old. The names of his children are not on record. He died June 11, 1840.

He married in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1829, Margaret, widow of William Searle. She was allowed pension as the widow of Joshua Griffin, in 1853, leaving three children, whose names are not stated.