

Pension Application for Kirtland or Kirkland Griffin

S.43647

Navy—Privateer
State of New York
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Personally appeared before me Morris S. Miller First Judge of the said County Kirtland Girffin (otherwise called Kirtland Griffins) aged 65 years old—and a resident of the same county and an applicant under the Act of Congress of 18 March 1818 who being duly sworn did say, that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support.

That he never had any pension allowed him by the laws of the United States—that early in the year 1777 he this deponent was on board the Sally an American privateer of ten guns under Capt. Francis brown, and was taken off Cape Finisterre by a British sixty four gun ship called the Non Such—and was kept in prison two years and upwards when in 1779 he was exchanged by a cartel from Mill Prison near Plymouth in England—That he was landed in France and about the beginning of May 1779 entered on board the American Frigate Alliance Capt. Peter Landyes commander—and failed with Paul Jones squadron and was at the taking of the British Frigate Seraphis of Forty four guns, and served on Board the “Alliance” from the time of entering as aforesaid until September 1780 when he was regularly and honourable discharged as appears by the Certificate of Wm Vernon, hereto annexed, which is genuine and originally granted to this Deponent. (Signed) Kirtland Griffin

Sworn 11 Octr 1819 before me. M. S. Miller. First Judge of Oneida.

Letter in folder dated October 6, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.43647, it appears that Kirtland Griffin (pensioned Kirkland Griffin) early in the year 1777 was on board the American privateer “Sally”, Captain Francis Brown, they were captured Cape Finistewre by the British ship “nonetheless” and held more than two years, was exchanged near Plymouth, England, he landed in France in May 1779, and went on board the American frigate “Alliance”, Captain Peter Landais, sailed with Paul Jones’ squadron, was at the taking of British frigate “Serapis”, and was discharged September 11, 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 11, 1819 at which time he was living in Oneida County, New York, aged 65 yrs.

On August 24, 1852 Camp Griffin of the town of Paris, Oneida County, New York, stated that he was the administrator of the estate that he was the administrator of the estate of Kirkland Griffin, deceased, but he did not give the date of death nor is there any relationship show to said Kirkland Griffin.