

Pension Application for Thomas Griffith

S.23663

State of New York

County of Washington SS.

On the twenty eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Washington aforesaid now sitting Thomas Griffith a resident of the Town of Whitehall in the County of Washington & State of Washington & State of New York, aged sixty nine years on the twenty ninth day of July last past, who being first duly 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 7th 1832.

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

That he lived in Straftsbury in the County of Bennington in the State of Vermont, and in July of the year 1779 as he believes, the militia was called out and he went in Capt. Waldo's Company of which John Sunderland was Ensign, and Samuel Sunderland Orderly Sargeant in Col. Walbridge's Regiment—that he marched towards Castleton in Vermont and while on the way they learned that the enemy had retreated and they were marched back to Shaftsbury—that he was out at this time about one week.

And he further states that in October of the year 1779 while residing at Granville in the State of New York, he volunteered under Capt. Levi Stockwell commandant at Whitehall then Skeensborough for half a month and served there during that time—no other troops but Stockwells were then there.

And he further states that during the summer of 1780, the militia in Granville aforesaid were some portion of them continually out upon scouts, they held themselves in readiness so that when on scout came in another went out in his place, about three went out together.

The peace being on the frontier—they were under no particular officers when out, except a Corporal but were ordered out during the summer by Capt. Childs and under his direction went to Skeensborough, Kingsbury, Fort Ann, Lake George & East Bay on Lake Champlain—

That he was frequently out as one of those scouts—and on one occasion some buildings being burnt by the enemy in Kingsbury in Washington County in the State of New York. She and about thirty other men under Capt. Childs, marched to that peace and at another time on occasion of an alarm from the enemy, he went to Argyle in said County under Capt. Blakely—He is unable to tell the number of times he was out, as above stated, during that summer, but believes not less than eight times, and at each time was employed from three to six days, making at least a full months service.

And he further states that in the early part of May in the year 1781 he enlisted at Granville aforesaid for seven months in Capt. Parmelee Allen's Company of which

Jonathan Wright & Stewart were Lieutenants in Col. Walbridges Regiment—Recollects a Capt. Pratt.

And he further states that in the early part of May in the year 1781 he enlisted at Granville aforesaid for seven months in Capt. Parmelee Allen's Company of which Jonathan Wright & Stewart were Lieutenants, in Col. Walbridges Regiment—Recollects a Capt. Pratt, Lieut Cook, and Lieut Parker in the same Regiment—That he marched to Skeensborough where he served during the time of his said enlistment when the company was dismissed in the month of November as he believes.

And he further states that in the year 1782 the militia in Granville aforesaid were again frequently called upon to go upon scouts into the neighboring towns of Skeensborough, Fort Ann & Kingsbury and about Lake George & East Bay on Lake Champlain, and that he was one of the said militia under the command of Capt. Blakely, was frequently out upon said scouts and was so employed during the year last aforesaid at least one month. And he saith that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person who[se] testimony he can procure to testify to his service.

He 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 whatever. (Signed) Thomas Griffith

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk

1. That he was born in Hartford in the State of Connecticut on the 29th July 1763.

2. That he has no record of his age.

3. That he was living in Shaftsbury aforesaid the first time he was called into service and at all the other times in Granville aforesaid – That since the Revolutionary War he has resided in Whitehall and was resides there.

4. That he was called into service at the several times of his service as above stated.

5. That he has above stated the names of all the officers and Regiments which he can recollect.

6. That he never received a written discharge from the service.

7. That he is known by John Tanner, Samuel Standish, Obadiah Archer & John C. Parker of Granville, and Melcancton Wheeler of Whitehall who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he has no documentary evidence. That John Tanner of Granville and Ebenezer Farnsworth of Fort Ann can testify to his service during seven months at Skeensborough as herein before stated. That he knows of no person who can testify to the residue of his service.

He 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 whatever. (Signed) Thomas Griffith

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