

## **Pension Application for William Griffith**

S.13195

State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county now sitting, William Griffith a resident of the Town of Worcester in the said County of Otsego and State of New York aged Seventy three years, 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say—

He the said William Griffith on the first of May in the year 1778 volunteered in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. John Smith of Canaan in the County of Columbia and State of New York, in which company a man by the name of Lloyd was a Lieutenant and that the said William Griffith served in said company in actual Service for the full period of six months, commencing the first of May 1778 and was discharged from said service the forepart of November in the same year.

That said company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Col. Van Ness of Kinderhook in said County of Columbia and Lieutenant Col. Humphrey and Major Staaland and the said William Griffith further states that said company was stationed at Kinderhook aforesaid and was engaged as a company of Rangers and marched up the Hudson River as far as Albany also marched east of the Hudson and through the country back and forth to prevent communications passing from the north to the south or from Canada to the enemy at the south—

That at the expiration of said six months he the said William Griffith was discharged from the service at Claverack in the County of Columbia aforesaid and received a written discharge signed by Lieutenant Col. Humphrey the same officer above named, which said discharge he the said William Griffith hath lost or the same has been destroyed for many years past.

Also the said William Griffith further declares that he was born in the year 1760 at Oblong in the County of Dutchess [Dutchess] New York.

That he has not any record of his age.

That he lived with his father at Canaan in the County of Columbia aforesaid when he was called into the service as above stated, and returned home again when he was discharged as above stated at the expiration of said six months service.

That he was called into the eservice as above stated, as a volunteer for the period of six months.

That the officers names and the general circumstances of his service are above set forth as fully as the same are now recollected.

That he received a written discharge above stated which is lost and has been for many years.

And he the said William Griffith further states that he is known to the Rev. Walter Covey, Joshua Bigelow, Esquire & Col. Bela Johnson of his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution—

And he further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, further than the testimony of Mrs. Lydia Green who is a sister of him the said William Griffith and about two years younger than himself, whose deposition is hereunto annexed. That she was living at home with him at the time he went into the eservice as above stated and when he returned from said service; that she was unmarried at that time, and afterwards married Silas Green whose deposition is also hereunto annexed—and he further declares that he was well acquainted with the said Silas Greene before and at the time he was in the service as herein before set forth and that he the said Silas Green then resided in the same neighborhood with him the said William Griffith.

And he the said William Griffith further declares that he continued to reside at Canaan for about the period of six years after the war, when he moved to the Town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer New York where he resided about ten years, when he removed from thence to the County of Otsego where he has ever since and now resides.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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) William Griffith

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Horace Lathrop, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated December 6, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.13195, that William Griffith was born in 1760, exact date not given, in Oblong, Dutchess County, New York.

While residing with his father (name not stated) in Canaan, or New Britton, Columbia County, New York, he enlisted in May 1778 and served six months as a private in Captain John Smith's Company, Colonel Van Ness' Regiment of New York Militia.

After the war, soldier returned to Canaan, New York, and at the end of six years, moved to Schoduck [Schodack] Rensselaer County, New York, where he remained for ten years; he then moved to Worcester, Otsego County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 20, 1833, while a resident of Worcester, New York.

It is not stated that soldier married.