

Pension Application for Griffin Kinyon or Kenyon

S.42770

State of New York

Broome County SS.

Griffin Kenyon now a resident of the Town of Tioga County of Tioga and State of New York being duly sworn deposed and said that he is one of the surviving soldiers of the revolutionary army—that he enlisted during the continuance of the war in the Continental Establishment, that he cannot recollect the time of his enlisting but believes he had served two campaigns before the taking of Burgoyne in October 1777, and that he was one of the soldiers at that siege and had the satisfaction of seeing Burgoyne's Army surrender—

That he enlisted at Nobletown in New York State under Capt. Jeremiah Miller who was attached to Col. Joseph Vose or Vorhis Regiment in Gen. Glover's Brigade of the Massachusetts line—that he served in the army and did his duty faithfully until after the retreat of the Americans Army from Rhode Island in August 1788—

That shortly after the said retreat being incapable of continuing in the service from sickness he received a discharge from the proper officers at Old Providence in Rhode Island—

That he kept the discharge several years and finally lost or destroyed it.

And the said Kenyon further states that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support being now sixty four years of age and almost destitute of means of support. (Signed) Griffin Kinyon

Dated Owego Village Broome County the second day of April A.D. 1818.

Letter in folder dated July 15, 1933 written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Griffin Kenyon (Kinyon), a soldier of the Revolutionary War, who served from New York State and Richard Kenyon, who served with the Connecticut Troops.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims made to the United States for pension and bounty land based upon military service of soldiers of that war.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records has been made in your behalf and no record found of such claims having been made on account of the services of Richard Kenyon in that war; the name of Kinyon was also searched. You are herein furnished the history of Griffin Kinyon (as he signed: Pensioned Kenyon), the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this office, the data for which were obtained from the papers on file in his claim for pension, S.42770, based upon his military service in that war.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Griffin are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

He enlisted in Nobeltown, New York, in the spring of 1776, served as a private in Captain Jeremiah Miller's Company, Colonel Joseph Vose's Massachusetts Regiment and was discharged after the retreat from Rhode Island on account of

sickness: he stated that he had his left shoulder fractured while on a scouting tour during the Revolution, no details of that service given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 2, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty-four years and resided in Tioga, Tioga County, New York.

In 1820 Griffin Kinyon referred to his wife, Sarah, as aged fifty-six years; there are no further data in regard to her and no reference is made to children.

Griffin Kenyon, Certificate No. 670, issued May 23, 1818, rate \$8 per month, commenced April 2, 1818, Act of March 18, 1818, New York Agency.