

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Grider W358

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State of Kentucky, Adair County Court January Term 1833

On this 7th day of January 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Justices of the County Court in and for the County of Adair State of Kentucky now sitting John Grider Senior a resident of the County of Adair aforesaid and State of Kentucky aged 77 years the 13th of July 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States of America in the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina in the month of March 1778 as a volunteer private militia man under Captain Thomas Whitson Lieutenant John Morgan does not recollect the name of his Ensign he was immediately marched to Davidson's station on the frontier of North Carolina he remained there a short time when he was marched on towards the Cherokee Nation having Joined some other troops he had marched but a few days when he was taken sick & returned with some others back to the Fort where he remained until he regained his health and again resumed his duty as a soldier his business being to guard the Fort and act as an Indian spy, in which character he continued until his officers and company returned from the Cherokee Nation and still continued there spying, scouting and guarding the Fort until a few days after Christmas when he was verbally discharged and returned home having served over nine months, he states that Early in March 1779 he again volunteered as an Indian spy under Captain Forgey and entered the service of the United States immediately in that character and was marched on to the said Davidson's Station when his [indecipherable word] as a spy was assigned to him by his Captain and he faithfully discharged the duties assigned him until after Christmas when he was again Honorably discharged by his Captain and Returned home having in the last mentioned tour served more than nine months he again entered the service as a volunteer in the character of an Indian spy under Captain Daniel Smith Lieutenant Brown in the month of February 1780 and was marched on to the station stated above and there continued to discharge his duty as by and guarding that and other forts until after Christmas when he was again Discharged making in actual service in the said three tours of upwards of two years and four months he states that he took no written discharge for any of his services nor has he any documentary Evidence of his service but he can prove at least most of his service by Valentine Grider,¹ Samuel Smith² and Rachel Smith of Cumberland County Kentucky, who were all unable to attend this Court but whose affidavits he has procured & will cause the same to be hereunto annexed he states that he was born in the State of Maryland in the year 1755 agreeable to the information of his parents which he believes to be true he has no register of his birth his father moved to Virginia when this declarant was young and settled in Caroline County from there he moved to North Carolina and settled in Burke County bear his father died before the revolution this declarant remained in that Country until the year 1811 when he moved to Kentucky Adair County where he now lives & has ever since 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 Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Grider, X his mark

State of Tennessee, County of Henderson

This 15th day of November 1836 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Henderson, personally appeared John Grider Same year who on his Oath declares, that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Whitson and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles McDowell in the second tour of the Company

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commanded by Captain Daniel Smith, in the Regiment commanded by the said Colonel Charles McDowell, in the third Tour in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Forgey in the Regiment Commanded by the aforesaid Colonel Charles McDowell in the Service of the United States, that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Kentucky from whence he has lately removed, that he now resides in the State of Tennessee, in the County of Henderson where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future --

The following are his reasons for removing from the State of Kentucky to the State of Tennessee – that he had a Mister Silas Grider, living in Henderson County Tennessee to whom he was finally attached, and who was both able and willing to take care of them and to provide for him and to afford him those comforts and consolations attendant on old age and infirmity.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of November A.D. 1836.

S/ Felix W. Henry, JP

S/ John Grider, X his mark

[On September 22, 1853, in Henderson County, Tennessee, Isabel Grider, 93, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Grider, a revolutionary pensioner in Henderson County Tennessee on October 3, 1838; that she married him in Burke County North Carolina and 1781; that they were married by John Connally a Justice of the Peace; and that her maiden name was Isabel Blair.]

State of Kentucky, Cumberland County

Be it remembered that on this 12th Day of December 1832 Personally came before the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Valentine Grider a resident of Cumberland County State of Kentucky aged about 71 years who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God states that he is well acquainted with his brother John Grider Senior a resident of Adair County Kentucky that said John is 77 years of age that he and the time of the Revolution resided in Burke County North Carolina He further states that said John Grider served as a private Militia man in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war Three tours of duty on the frontier of North Carolina he states that he served with him two tours which was the last two said John served and he well recollects his serving one tour before this affiant was in service he knows he went and returned that he went Early in the Spring & returned about Christmas following and in the two tours he served with this affiant the term was about the same length he has no hesitation in stating that said John in the three tours aforesaid served more than two years he thinks said John first entered the service in 1777 or 1778 and served Each succeeding year he further states that he is now so infirm that he cannot without much inconvenience to himself attend the Court of Adair Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ Valentine Grider

S/ F. H. Winfrey, JPCC

State of Kentucky, Cumberland County

Be it Remembered that on this 12th day of December 1832 personally came before the undersigned Francis H. Winfrey one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Cumberland County aforesaid Samuel Smith a resident of the County aforesaid who being first Duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath state that he is well acquainted with John Grider Senior now a resident Citizen of the County of Adair State of Kentucky that he has been well acquainted with him for upwards of 50 years this affiant is now in the 77th year of his age and he states that the said Grider is about the same age and that he knows that said Grider was a Soldier of the revolution from the County of Burke State of North Carolina he states that about the year 1777 the said Grider was stationed with this affiant at Grider's Fort Davidson Fort & scouring about from Early in the Spring until about Christmas in this tour he has no doubt the said John Grider Senior served as a private Soldier in the Service of the United States at least nine months Captain Thomas Whitson was the Commander John Morgan was the Lieutenant he further states that he has no hesitation in stating that the said John Grider

Served two other tours of about the same length of time in the same service and in the same region of Country he cannot state positively not having been with him but he knows he the said Grider was absent and report said he was in Service and when he would return it was so reported by him & others and generally so Believed & never was doubted this affiant is as Confident He the said Grider served the two last tours here mentioned as he can be of any thing that he did not witness through out this affiant further states that he is old and so infirm that he is unable to attend Court for the purpose of giving his testimony in the above case.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ F. H. Winfrey, JPCC

S/ Samuel Smith, X his mark

Also the affidavit Rachel Smith aged 75 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath states that she is the sister of John Grider Senior of the County of Adair and the same person named by Samuel Smith & Valentine Grider in their depositions above, she states positively that her said Brother John did served three tours of Duty as a militia man in the revolutionary war in the service of the United States she knows of his starting from home each tour and his returning home that each year he started early in the year and would returned about Christmas she cannot certainly state the length of time in each tour But feels confident that Each Tour was between eight and nine months she recollects that he went out Early each year & returned about Christmas she further states that she is old and infirm so much so that she cannot without great inconvenience and trouble attend Court.

Sworn to and subscribed before me Francis H. Winfrey a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Cumberland the day & year aforesaid.

S/ F. H. Winfrey, JPCC

S/ Rachel Smith, X her mark