

Richard Griffin

**Richard Griffin** appeared before Mecklenburg County, NC court on 28Nov1832 to apply for a federal pension (FPA S6919). From his testimony, we learn:

Richard Griffin was born in 1756 in Chatham County NC. His family moved to Spartanburg District SC where he lived when he enlisted as a soldier. Richard volunteered in Captain John Irby's company in late 1780. After some maneuvers, they joined General Daniel Morgan's army before the Battle at the Cowpens. On 17Jan1781 he was wounded in the battle. After expiration of his six month term, he was discharged by Colonel William Washington. He then moved to Mecklenburg County NC and volunteered under Captain John Walsh and Major Crawford for another enlistment term.

In 1834, Richard re-appeared, his 1832 application apparently denied. He provided another deposition. Then his captain testified:

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County Personally appeared before me John M. Ingram a Justice of the peace in and for said County John Irby a resident of Lincoln County and State of North Carolina and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with the applicant Richard Griffin and that he was personally knowing to the services of the said Richard Griffin in the Revolutionary war and his statement relative to the whole of his service is true for he served with him for some considerable time before the Battle of the Cowpens and also after the Battle and the said Richard Griffin was **wounded in the Battle of the Cowpens** by a **bayonet being stuck in his left thigh** by the enemy and he would have killed him **had he not been shot down by the Ensign Hogen**, the ensign of the Company that he the subscriber John Irby had the command of.

. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of April 1834.

S/ John M. Ingram, JP

S/ John Irby

Richard Griffin received a pension of \$30/annum for 9 months service in the NC militia. His 1832 deposition did not detail all, but only 9 months. His 1834 deposition was more complete. It detailed 24 months service for which the annual amount should have been \$80.