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Born: 10 Nov 1734 Hanover, Virginia

Married: Nancy Ann Clarke

Died: 25 Oct 1805 Laurens, South Carolina

Parents: John Griffin & Margaret Goode

According to family history, Richard Griffin came from Wales to America and settled first in Orange, Hanover County, Virginia. Afterwards, he settled in Laurens District, South Carolina, where he made his home. He and his wife raised a family of 17 children, 11 boys and 6 girls with one set of twins. Nancy, the first child, was the first one to be rocked in the old Revolutionary Family Cradle (whereabouts unknown). Richard was not a young man when the Revolutionary War broke out. At that time he had a family of 10 children. He was a brave, loyal, and faithful patriot and aided greatly in gaining America's independence in every way, rendering valuable services in supplying all needs for the Continental Army from his plantation throughout the war. The Whigs really loved him; the Tories hated him for his activity in aiding the Whigs to escape from the cruel and dreaded Tories. In Vol. III, p. 110, Historical Collection Joseph Habersham Chapter, DAR, Georgia, Col. John Drayton Williams to John Henry Logan wrote: My mother often said that Bloody Bill Cunningham would come and take my father and the whole family out to try to make them tell where the Whigs were hidden and whip them. There are many descendants of his family of 17 children scattered throughout the U.S. Two of his children married children of Col. James Williams, hero of Kings' Mountain. Richard Griffin is buried in the old Griffin graveyard in or near Laurens, SC. There is a marriage and death record in Vol. 29, p. 161 of S.C. Historical and Gen. magazine reading: Died on Monday, the 25th of October, 1805, at his plantation in Laurens District, Mr. Richard Griffin, Sr., age about 75 years, a man much respected and a true pattern of benevolence, who without private fortune or lucrative employment, has reared and educated with success a numerous family. Written Monday, Nov. 25, 1805. Will of Richard Griffin was proven, or probated, Nov. 1805. For material aid given to the cause of American Independence, Richard Griffin was paid by the State of South Carolina a claim for provisions furnished the Continental Army in 1781-82. The following is a true copy of the claim as found in Salley's Stub Entries to Indents for South Carolina Revolutionary Claims, Book U-W, Page 267. "Issued the 22nd of Aug., 1785, to Richard Griffin claim for 29 pounds, 16 shillings and 4 pence for provisions supplied the continentals in 1781-82 and for wagon hire per account passed by the Commissioner; Principal 29 pounds, 15 shillings, 4 pence; Amount Interest 2 pounds, 1 shilling, 8

Information from online research at: Ancestry.com

WILL OF
RICHARD GRIFFIN

State of So Carolina } Whereas I Richard Griffin Sen^r of the
Laurens District } State and District aforesaid did sum
time since Entermary with Elinor McClain Now my present wife
and Whereas I have made my Will and Testament Barring date the
Second day of Febuary in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight
hundred & five wih Will She acknowledges is interely to her
Sattiffaction wherein I have given and Bequathed to her my S^d
Wife Elinor the following tract of Land and other property to
her & her Heirs and Afsigns forever (Viz) one tract of one hun-
dred and fifty acres more or Lefs wih I purchased from William
Day Caled Chappels tract on Seluday River at the Mouth of Caneswe-
Creek one tract of fifty acres adjoining thareto wih I purchased
of Wm. Ball one tract of thirty five acres Joining thareto Being
part of a tract Purchased of Peter Ball Whereon I now live this
thirty five acres is discribed in the titles I made to Washington
Williams this day for the ballance of Said Balls tract adjoining
on other tract on the River I have likewise Given to My Said Wife
Elinar the following personal property (Viz) two negros Jenah
& Isaac (as the) two coves & calves two Good Feather Beds and
furniture Six head of Sheep one mare and Colt & Saddle & Bridle
two sows and pigs one equal half of my household and kitchen
furniture (Except the Beds) One cubbar (Cbra) one plow and geers
together the one Maight part of my Crop of Every kind wih Shall
or may belonging on my Land at the time of my death to be con-
sidered as one years maintinance after my Death Should She My
Wife be then Living &c) in Consideration thareof Shee My Said
Wife agrees to Relinquish to my Heirs Exclusive of her Self all
her right and title Clame and Demand for Ever to all the Rest
and Remaining of my Estate Both Real and personal of Every kind
and Nature whatever be the Same what it may Accept Such part
and persal whareof is before mentioned as being Given to her My
said wife in Consideration of her Said Relinquishment and the
tender Love I have and Estem To for her My said Wife Elinar
I did and do give the Said Lands & other property above mentioned
to My Said Wife her hairs and afsigns forever in testimony whare-

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of I have hereunto Set my hand and Seale this 8th day of Febury
in the year of our Lord one thousand and five and in the twenty
Ninth yeare of the American Independence--

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of

Jacob R Brown

Richard Griffin (SEAL)

James Calwell

Recorded in Will Book C-1 Page 186

Proven date not available

Recorded date not available

David Anderson Ordy.

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State of South Carolina Laurens District---

I Jacob R. Brown, ^{Justice of the} ~~Quorum~~ do hereby certify unto all Whome it may
Concerne that Eliner Griffin the Wife of the above named Richard
Griffin did this day appeare before Me and Upon being pravitly
& Repearly Ecominoned by the Me did declare that She(in con-
sideration of the above Mintoned Will being made and fuley
carried into Effect after her husbands Death and the above in-
closed Instrument provided the Same Shall be fulley complied
With and Shee allowed to keep and Enjoy the property (therein
Set forth) Does freeley Voluntary and without any Compulsion
Dread or feare of any person or persons Whomesoever Renounce
Release and forever Relinquish unto the Heirs and Afsigns of
her husband Richard Griffin all her Intrest and Estate and also
all her Right and Clame to any and Every part of his Estate
Eitheer Real or personal wich he Now has or may hereafter be
posed of be the Same of Lands Moneys Goods or Chattles the Same
to be and belong to his children Grand Children or thare Afsigns
Except the Land and property above Mintoned and given to her
in testimoney whereof i have hereunto Set my hand and Seale this
8th day of Febury 1805 Given under my hand and Seale this 8th
day of Febury 1805

Jacob R Brown (SEAL)

Eliner Griffin