

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Grasty R4201
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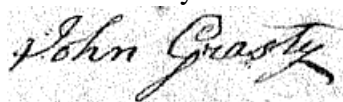
Commonwealth of Kentucky, Trigg County: SS

On this 29th day of August 1832, personally appeared Before the Circuit Court in and for said County of Trigg aforesaid, John Grasty a resident of said County of Trigg and State of Kentucky, aged Seventy years, who being first duly sworn in open Court, 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 was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia in the year 1762, and that his Father removed from thence to South Carolina when he was but a boy & settled in Ninety Six District & resided there until the Revolutionary War came on, here his Father was Drafted into the militia Service for three months in 1777, and then this Deponent turned out and served the three months Tour in his Father's place, in his fifteenth year, he marched through Edgefield to Augusta Town on Savannah River, he served in this Tour under Captain John Liles [John Lisle, Jr.], Major Thomas Gordon, Colonel John Liles [John Lisle, Sr.] & General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. This Deponent was next drafted for three months & served in his own place in the year 1779. He now served under the same officers that he served under in his first Tour, in this Tour he was in the Battle at Stono [June 20, 1779].¹ He next turned out as a Volunteer under Major John Liles, Colonel James Liles [James Lisle] & General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], and was in the Battle between General Sumter & Colonel Tarleton on Tyger River near Blackstocks Ford [November 20, 1779].² He next served as a Volunteer for three months under Captain Henry Liles [Henry Lisle], & General Morgan [Daniel Morgan]. He further saith that during that Troublesome times it was generally so dangerous to be at home, that he was almost Continually in the service, Either guarding prisoners or other service, and that he thinks that from his first entering the Service to the Termination of the War, that he must have been in the Service of the United States Between two & three years.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an 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 year and the date aforesaid.

S/ John Grasty



¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

[Neighbors John Mabry and Russel Curtis gave a standard supporting affidavit.]
[Dudley Williams, a Baptist clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit]

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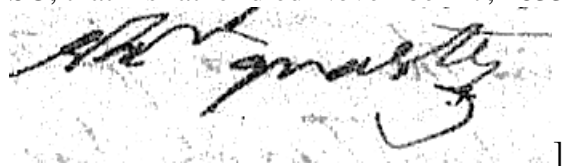
Commonwealth of Kentucky, Trigg County

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Trigg County State aforesaid John Grasty aged Seventy years who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration as an amendment to a formal declaration (attached hereto) in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, That he was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia on the 16th of September 1762. That he has a record of his age in a book at home, which record he obtained of his mother after the death of his father. That he received a discharge from Colonel John Liles, which was burnt up in his house, which was burnt in 1786 or 1787. That during the latter part of the year 1780 & the year 1781 he was almost constantly in the Service and chiefly under the same General officers, that were mentioned in the former declaration, but that he was so frequently out in small scouting parties he cannot recollect the particular officers under whom he was -- That he was in the year 1781 at the taking of the Congaree Fort³ -- there was a party of militia among whom he was, they lay around the Fort for two weeks, until General Lee [sic, Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] upon his return from the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], came with his cannon & took the Fort. That by reason of loss of memory, he cannot State the precise periods & length of times he served but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than 12 months in addition to the four tours of three months each, which he served & which is mentioned in the former declaration -- and all not less than two years & for which he claims a pension. That he is known to General John J. Dyer, Thomas Wadlington, Blake Baker & David Mitchell also the honorable Chittenden Lyon member of Congress from this district of his neighborhood, who can testify as to his general character or veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier in the Revolution.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first written.

S/ John Grasty

S/ Thos. McFarland, JP

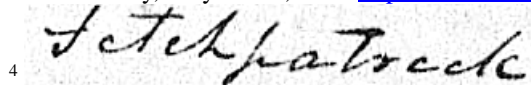
[p 10: On February 8, 1847, in Trigg County, Kentucky, Sashal Grasty, son of John Grasty filed under the 1838 act on behalf of himself and other heirs of his father John Grasty stating that his father was a pensioner at the rate of \$60 [sic] per annum for his revolutionary services; that his father married his mother Lucy Fitchpatrick [? Lucy Fitzpatrick?]⁴ in 1791 in Newberry District SC; that his father died November 17, 1833; and that his mother died October 6, 1839.



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[Facts in file: John Grasty married Frances [maiden name not given] November 15, 1785; she died November 17, 1786; he then married July 7, 1791 in Newberry District Lucy Fitchpatrick

³ Fort Granby, May 14-15, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

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[?]; John and Frances had one child, Polley, born August 21, 1786; Lucy died survived by the following children:

Sashel; John M.; William and Harvey Grasty.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to John Grasty pp15
Audited Account No. 3036

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No. 102

[No. 1796 Book X March 4th, 1786]

John Grastey [sic] for 203 days duty as horsemen from 1st June 1780 to 1st of June 1781 in Captain Liles [John Lisle, Jr.'s] Company for 124 days Do as Do from 1st June 1781 to 31st [sic] September following in Captain Henry Liles [Henry Lisle's] Co. Colonel Waters's [Philemon Waters'] Regiment at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina currency] per day

charged Currency	£327
deduct less on 2 nd	
charged one day at 20/	<u>1</u>
Currency	<u>£326</u>
Stg [Sterling]	£46.11.5

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina To John Grastey

To 203 Days Duty as Horsemen from ye

1st June 1780 to 1st June 1781 both days included

Per pay Bill of Captain John Liles & Certified per

Lt. Col. John Lindsay at 20/

£203.0.0

To 124 Days Duty as Horsemen from 1st

June to 31 September 1781 per pay Bill

of Captain Henry Liles & certified per do

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Waters Regiment

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Received 4th of March 1786, full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 1796 – X – per Order

S/ John Lindsey

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[p15: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I do hereby Assign over my Right and title of the Within Indent to John Lindsey Esquire as
Witness my hand the 10th March 1787

S/ John Grasty

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Grasty", enclosed within a rectangular border. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.