

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Graves R4207

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State of Georgia, Newton County

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Inferior Court for said County, now sitting, Lewis Graves, a resident of the County of Newton and State of Georgia, aged Seventy three years on the 17<sup>th</sup> next month, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and swerved as herein states (Viz) under Col. Morris Murphey [sic, Maurice Murphy], Major Robert Loyd and Capt. Joseph Griffen [sic, Joseph Griffith] that he entered the service in the month of May 1776 and left the same in the month of August 1776 having served in the said tour the space of three months, that he resided in Chesterfield district in South Carolina when he entered the service, that he entered the same as a drafted militia man that he marched from Chesterfield district to Charleston in So. Carolina and was stationed at Fort Moultrie, at which last mentioned place he was discharged at the end of the before mentioned three months, that he received a discharge from the same in writing but that the same has been lost or destroyed—That he afterwards to wit in the month of February 1777 entered the service again under Captain Robert Pasley and was discharged from the same in the month of May 1777, having served the space of three months that he marched from Chesterfield District So. Carolina, to Charleston in So. Carolina, that he entered the same as a drafted militia man, that he was in no regular engagement during either of the for mentioned tours of Duty that he served with Col. Hughgen's [sic] continental regiment that he was acquainted with Col. Hughgus [?Hughgen, Huggens], Col. Moultrie [William Moultrie], Major Marion [Francis Marion], Pulaski, Capt. Horey [sic, Horry? Or Huger?] & Donaldson Continental officers, that he was discharged at Charleston but his discharge has been lost or destroyed. That in the month of June 1777 that he entered the service again under Captain Magee that he left the same in September 1777 having served three months, that he entered the same as a substitute for one Benjamin Thurmond that he marched from Chesterfield to Charleston and from thence he was removed and stationed on James Island, that he has no recollection of receiving any written discharge for the said last mentioned service, if he rec'd any, the same has been lost or destroyed, that he served six other tours of three months each between 1777 and 1781, the particular times of entering & leaving the service from old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot now recollect, that he was engaged in the Siege of Charleston—that he afterwards to wit on the first May 1781, entered the service again as a volunteer in the State of North Carolina, under Col. Axiam [Benjamin Exum], Major Gresham, Captain Hillsman [Janus Hillsman] and Lieutenant Willis Wilder, that he entered the service at

the place now known as Raleigh, that he marched to Duplin Court House, and was there stationed a short time, from thence he marched to Gray's ferry on Neuse River at which last mentioned place he was discharged in August 1781. That he received a discharge from under the hand of Capt. Hillsman, but the same has been lost or destroyed, that he was born in Spotsylvania County in Virginia on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1760. That he has no record of his age, there was a record but the same has been long since destroyed, that he was living in Chesterfield district South Carolina when he was called into service that he has lived in the State of Georgia ever since the close of the Revolutionary War except the first year, & that he now lives in the County of Newton State of Georgia, he was called into service most of the times as a drafted militia man, one tour as a volunteer and one tour as a substitute for one Benjamin Thurmond, that he has before stated the Continental officers & Regiments with whom he was acquainted & served, that he rec'd discharges for his different tours of service but the same have been lost or destroyed, that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no persons by whom he can prove his service excepting the three persons whose testimony is hereto attached, that Obediah M. B. Fielder & Prior Reeves are persons in is present neighborhood with whom he is acquainted who can testify as to his character for veracity & belief of his service as a revolutionary soldier.

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; or if any only on that of the agency of the State of South Carolina.

S/ Lewis Graves, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Wm. D. Conyers, J. J. C. N. C.

[Standard certification of reputation for veracity, age and service in the revolution given by John Holmes, a clergyman and Obadiah M. B. Fielder, neighbor]

South Carolina, Chesterfield District

Personally came before me Thomas Davis<sup>1</sup> and made oath that he & Lewis Graves were out on duty at two different times during the Revolutionary War & he (Lewis Graves) behaved himself as a good Soldier & a friend to his Country.

Sworn to before me the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1829.

S/ Thomas Davis, X his mark

S/ John White, JP

South Carolina, Chesterfield District

Personally came before me Richard Graves<sup>2</sup> and made oath that he & Lewis Graves served together during the whole of the Revolutionary War when called on as Militiamen.

Sworn to before me September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1829.

S/ Richard Graves, X his mark

Georgia, Jones County

Personally before me Robert Beasley a Justice of the Peace for said County, came Willis Welden who on his Oath deposeth & saith that he has been acquainted with Lewis Graves for the last 50 or 60 years & that he served a tour of three months in the Militia Service in behalf of the

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Davis W8655](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Richard Graves S8598](#)

Colonies against Great Britain in the year 1781 with the said Lewis Graves & that the said Lewis performed his duty faithfully & with fidelity in the service aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832.

S/ Robert Beasley, JP

S/ Willis Welden

[Facts in file: Applicant died in 1839 in Georgia. The file contains no family data except for the following statement: "his children and grand-children the Messrs Shoalers, one of whom was named John Shoalers, were residents of Vernon, Jackson Parish, Louisiana in 1852."]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to Lewis Graves                      pp3  
Audited Account No. 3040A

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10/4/21

[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 213 Book N dated January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1785 "delivered to Mr. Lewis Graves this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Five Pounds Sterling for 70 Days Duty done in the Militia in 1782 as per Account Audited."]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing several endorsements but none by the veteran. One of the endorsements dated September 13, 1787 is by Richard Graves with his mark. How the men whose signatures appear on the reverse of the Indent obtained an interest in it is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

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<sup>3</sup> 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 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.