

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Gray R4227

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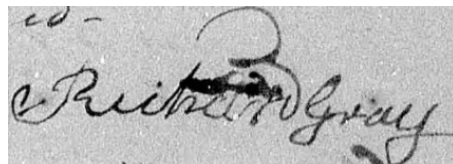
State of Kentucky

Fayette County Sct

On this day 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Mayors Court in the City of Lexington now sitting Richard Gray a resident of Fayette County in the State of Kentucky aged 78 years the fourth day of January last, 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. The said Gray states that he was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia in the year 1755. That in the year 1777 he volunteered in the Company of Captain Thomas Pollard a Citizen of Fairfax county in the said State of Virginia who was a Captian in the Service of his Country, that Edward Washington and James Waugh were Leutenants in said Company, Moses Simpson was the ensign in said Compay, James Wren was Major, Wm. Rumsey [sic: William Rumney] was first Lieutenant Colonel, and Geo Gilpin [George Gilpin] 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Colonel, & Chs. Scott [Charles Scott] was the General under whom the troops were to act & was then near the City of Philladelphia. That he marched on the said 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1777 in the said Company, that they first marched to Georgetown, and after making a short stay, proceeded to Frederick town in Maryland, where they remained a week, for orders, after receiving which they proceeded to Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania thenceto Redding [sic: Reading] on the north side of the Schuylkill, thence down the Schuylkill to within three miles of Germantown, where they joined the Army, on the same day, after the battle at Germantown [4 Oct 1777], that his company was, as designed, put under the command of Gen'l. Charles Scott – that he remained under the command of said said Scott until the army determined to go into Winter quarters at Valley forge on the Schuylkill above Phillidephia. That he received a written discharge from General Scott, which he had the possession of for many years, but has lossed it, or mislaid it, so that he cannot at present find it that he was discharged on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1777 and returned home. Having served in that tour two months and ten days, that he was on duty the whole time, and discharged his duty to the satisfaction of his officers & received an honorable discharge, that the corps he served in was called into service by the constituted authorities of the United States. That he was in no action during said tour of two months & ten days, but was always ready & willing to be if the appertunity had happened. The said Affiant further states that in June or July 1776 he was called out under the command of Capt Edward Payne of Fairfax County State of Virginia, & served a tour of one week under said Payne. The object of said service was to prevent the Brittish from landing on the Potomac at the residence of General Washington. That the said troops were called out under the command of Peter Waggoner & Dan'l. McCarty who were the Colonel & Lieutenant Colonel commanding. That he was marched to Mount Vernon the seat of Gen'l. Washington, & remained in service one week & was discharged, without receiving a written discharge The Brittish having disappeared from the coast. That on the week after the above service was performed, he was again called out in the Company of James D. Neal Captian & by order of the same Colonels, & was in service three days in building a breastwork at Alexandria on the Potomac. That beeing in service the said three days under the officers aforesaid, he was discharged. That again in the month of December 1777 he was called out under the command of the said Peter Waggoner & Daniel McCarty in the Company of said James D Neal & marched to the seat of Gen'l. Washington to prevent the Brittish fleet again from landing there, that the Brittish fleet disappeared & the forces were discharged he having been in Service two days at this time. That in April 1781 he was again called out in the Company of James Waugh by order of the same Colonels last above named, & marched to Cholchester on Ockoquon [sic: Colchester on Occoquan River] to prevent the Brittish from landing at that point that after remaining one week they were discharged and returned home. That in the Spring of the year 1779 The said affiant together with thirteen other men hired a substitute by the name of William Whaley who served under the Command of Colo.

Charles Eskridge in the Company of Capt. Wm. Lane [William Lane] that we hired the said Whaley for the term of Eighteen months and the said affiant states that he believes the said Whaley served out his term a<sup>d</sup>. and was wounded in the service. That in the year 1781 in the month of August he hired George Coppage of Fairfax County State of Virginia to enter the service of his Country for three years under the command of Peter Waggoner Colonel & James Waugh Captian, the said Coppage was to be at the Command of said officers and others whenever called on & for which I paid the said Coppage twelve hundred dollars in Continental Money. Said affiant believes said Coppage served to the end of the War.

The said affiant states that he was in actual service during the several periods, he was out himself as before stated & during the whole of said periods, was not engaged in any business of his own but solely, that of his Country. That he received but one written discharge and that was from Gen'l. Scott as above stated, that all the other discharges were verbal. The said affiant states that he moved to Kentucky in the month of May 1787. That he settled in Fayette County about six miles from Lexington where he has resided for about forty seven years, that he is well acquainted with the Honorable Henry Clay Colo. R. M. Johnson, the Honble Wm. J. Barry who will all be shortly in the City of Washington, that he is also well acquainted with the Honorable Tho. M. Hickey Judge of the Fayette Circuit Court, Oliver Keene Esq. President of of the Fayette County Court, together with the Citizens generally of his County to all of whom he refers with confidence to speak of his reputation as a man of truth and integrity. The said affiant further states that he knows of but one man living at present that was with him in said service that is John Graham of Barren County Kentucky. That he believes he was called out at all the said several times by the organized authorities of the Country and that the said sevicees were rendered in obedience thereto. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuaty except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state or Territory in the United States. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Eskridge". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There are some faint markings above the signature, possibly "20 -".

NOTE: The pension act of 1832 provided only for those who had personally served at least six months.