

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gray R4232

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State of Mississippi, Tishomingo County: Circuit Court April Term 1843

On this 14th day of April Eighteen hundred and forty three, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Stephen Adams presiding Judge of the ninth Judicial district of the State of Mississippi, now holding Circuit Court of Tishomingo County, William Gray, a resident citizen of Tishomingo County and State of Mississippi aged Eighty three years, 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered under Captain William Mulwee [sic, William Milwee], James Mulwee [sic, James Milwee] first Lieutenant and Thomas Entekin second Lieutenant, Colonel Anderson and General Andrew Pickens were his field officers. He does not recollect the day nor month, but that he volunteered in the Spring of the year of seventeen hundred and seventy eight, and that he continued in the service for about eighteen months, that he was a resident of the County of Lawrence [sic, Laurens] in the State of South Carolina, at the time of his joining the Service, and was marched into the State of Georgia and after some short time was stationed on Spirit Creek below Augusta, where he remained about seven months as well as he recollects, when his company was marched back into Laurens County and disbanded; that about one month afterwards he again volunteered under Captain Lopp, 1st Lieutenant Shelvy, Second Lieutenant Campbell—Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] were two of his field officers, that he was marched from Laurens County into the State of North Carolina, and was engaged in the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] him, and remained in the Service sometime after the battle, but was in no other regular engagement, he was on several scouting expeditions and in several skirmishes with small parties of the British and Tories, and was engaged, as well as he recollects, in a skirmish against a party of Tories on Eddystone [sic, Edisto] River in South Carolina about thirty miles from the city of Charleston, in the year following the battle of Kingston, soon after which time his Company returned home, where he was discharged; he has no recollection of any of the Continental Regiments or Regular Officers with whom he marched; and that he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of an person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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.

The reason that he has not heretofore applied for a pension is that he had no knowledge of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, and supposed that he would have to produce documentary evidence, or procure proof of his service, neither of which he was able to do.

He was in the service for three years and about one month, including the time that elapsed (about one month) after his discharge under Captain Milwee, to the date of his volunteering under Captain Lopp.

S/ William Gray, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Calvin A. Taylor, Clerk

[James G. Kellough, Andrew Brown, and William Dickey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[In July 1854, John Gray and Isaac Gray gave a power of attorney relating to their pursuit of pension rights for William Gray. Their relationship, if any, to William Gray is not stated in the power of attorney.]

[WTG note: officers first named by Gray were known to be officers in the Little River Regiment under James Williams, not under Col. Anderson or Col. Pickens. None of the junior grade officers under whom Gray says he served at Kings Mountain are listed in Moss' roster of KM patriots—is this declaration made up?]