

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Gregory R4297

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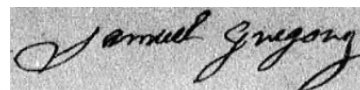
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The State of Ohio Butler County Court of Common Pleas of the Term of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty four

On this Twenty Eighth day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Butler and State of Ohio Samuel Gregory aged Seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June the Seventh Eighteen hundred and thirty two.

That in December Seventeen hundred and Seventy nine he volunteered under Capt. Robert McCreary [Robert McCreery] in the Virginia Militia and marched to Warwicks fort on the head waters of Green Briar River in the then County of Augusta in the State of Virginia [Warwick's Fort at present Green Bank in Pocahontas County WV]. And that he there remained three months engaged in active service, in which time he endured much hardship caused by the inclemency of the season. And the nature of the service he was compelled to perform – being a “Minute man” so called. Deponent states that after the expiration of said three months he again returned to his residence in the County of Rockbridge, where he remained until in December in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty. Deponent states that he was then called out under General Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Col. Sampson Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] in the Virginia Militia in Capt. Thomas Kirkland's Company. And on the first of said month of December Seventeen hundred and eighty commenced his march under said officers for the South of Virginia near Five hundred miles from the place of his residence in Rockbridge County. Deponent was in this tour Four months the most of which time was spen in hard service in the Counties of Nancemond [sic: Nansemond] Norfolk and Surry in the South East of Virginia. this tour was in the winter season, at the end of which Four months he again returned to his said residence in said County of Rockbridge where he again remained until the fall of the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty one, when he was ordered out in the Virginia Militia and served under Col. Samuel Vance and in the Company of Capt. Charles Hamilton. At this time and under said last mentioned officers Deponent was marched to Yorktown where the British forces lay under Lord Cornwallis, and was actively engaged under said officers during the seige, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], and was more than a month in this Tour.

Deponent was also after the close of the Revolution in Logans expedition, and was also at the side of Capt. Samuel Grant when he was killed by the Indians. Deponent states that he has no record by which he can calculate his age exactly – but states that he is at least Seventy three years of age as aforesaid, and was born in the County of Augusta Virginia. he has no written discharge by which he can prove his service as a Soldier of the Revolution. Deponent has lived in the said County of Butler for Thirty nine years last past where he still resides. he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services as a Revolutionary Soldier – but is well known to the Rev. Francis Monfort Dr. Littell and Ira Hunt residents of Butler County aforesaid by whom he can as he believes prove his character for truth and veracity, And his genuine reputation as a Soldier of the Revolution – 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



NOTE: Gregory's claim was denied because the first tour as a Minuteman on the frontier was deemed not to be provided for by the act of 1832. See my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111) for discussion of the validity of this decision.