

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Gregory R4299
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Sarah Gregory f42NC
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State of Tennessee, Cocke County

On this 27th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Cocke, George Gregory Sr. a resident of Cocke County & State of Tennessee aged 75 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 provision of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States first being drafted & put under the command of Colonel Lock [Francis Locke], Major White & Captain Frederick Plyler in the State of North Carolina Rowan County & marched under the command of said officers through Macklinburg [Mecklenburg] County to Montgomery County in said State on Rocky River where it empties into the Yadkin River he received his discharge & returned home making a campaign of three months.

Said applicant further states that he again entered the service of the United States under Colonel Locke, & Captain Plyler in Mecklenburg County as a volunteer & marched through Montgomery into Rowan County in NC & stationed some time near Salisbury & marched them into Mecklenburg County & stationed for some time at the Sassafras fields & marched from these fields thence from one place to another as a party of scout after the Tories & that he continued in the Service until after Gactr' [Gates] defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] & the Battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] but was in neither of the Battles & near Salisbury he received his discharge & returned home to Mecklenburg County North Carolina making a term of six months making in all his service nine months. That he has no Documentary Evidence and that he knows of no person in his State whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services.

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.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid Sworn to in open Court
S/ G. M. Porter, Clk

S/ George Gregory, X his mark

[Thomas Smith, a clergyman, and Thomas Palmer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Amended Declaration of George Gregory of the State of Tennessee Cocke County
State of Tennessee, Cocke County: July 9, 1833

Said Applicant States that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania Barrack County on the 25th day of April 1758, and has a record of his age in the Bible.

States that he was living in the State of North Carolina when he entered the service in 1780 or in 1781 & lived there sometime, & then after the war moved to South Carolina & lived then in Edgefield County 18 years and then Emigrated to Tennessee Cocke County where he now resides

Said Applicant was Discharged first tour by Captain Plyler & by order of Colonel Locke But is lost and that he Served as a Private Soldier – his 2nd tour he received a discharge by Colonel Locke

after the "Battle of Guilford" in 1781.

Said Declarant states that he had in his original Declaration obtained the certificate of Thomas Smith a clergyman & Thomas Palmer who certify as to said applicant's veracity & who concur in the opinion that he was a soldier of the Revolution.

The clerk has affixed his private seal and given his certificate both of which are proved by John Blair a Member of Congress to be genuine.

Sworn to & Subscribed the Day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm D. Rankin, Clerk

S/ George Gregory, X his mark

[p 8: On September 1, 1845, in Hamilton County Tennessee, Sarah Gregory filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Georgia Gregory, a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services; that she married George Gregory sometime in the "early part of the year 1792"; that she is illiterate and unable to write and that her "said husband having no English education at all, and only able to read in the German language, she has made and has had made for her every effort in her power to obtain record evidence of her marriage from the State of South Carolina where she was married"; that she and her husband moved to South Carolina some 40 years ago; that George Gregory died February 20 1837 at which time he was drawing a pension of \$30 per annum for his revolutionary services. She signed her application with her mark.]

Bible record [p 12]

Catherine Gregory was born the 29th day of November, 1792

Richard Gregory was born the 5th [?] of April 1795

Margaret Gregory was born the June the 26th day 1801

Sarah Gregory was born May 25th [?] day 1803

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[p 28: On January 5, 1846 in Hamilton County Tennessee, Hiram Cornwell gave testimony that some 12 years ago he saw the annexed paper purporting to be a register of the ages of Catherine Gregory and others in the family of George Gregory deceased; that said paper has been in his possession for 5 years. His relationship, if any, to the family is not stated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hiram Cornwell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the mid-19th century.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]