

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Graham S16135

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State of Ohio } SS

Preble County }

First Judicial Circuit of the Court of Common Pleas in the State of Ohio being a Court of Record.

September Term AD 1838

On this fifth day of October 1838 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in and for the said county of Preble William Graham a resident of the Township of Jefferson in the County of Preble and State of Ohio aged about 74 years 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 in the first of May in the year 1779 in the County of Augusta and State of Virginia where he then lived, he was drafted to serve a touer of duty in Capt. Walkups [sic: John Vachob's, also spelled Wauchub's and Wachub's] Company of Virginia Militia and that he entered the service on or about the first of may in said Company under said Capt. Walkup and Lieut. McCutchan. they were placed under the command of Col. Moffet [sic: George Moffett] and marched to a place caled Donley's fort in Greenbrier County Virginia [Fort Donnally near present Frankford WV] in pursuit of the Indians (or rather for the purpose of protecting said Fort from the assaults of the Indians who were hovering round it in considerable numbers. that he served twenty one days that touer say from the first of May until the 21 or 23 of the same month on the 10th of January he thinks in the year AD 1780 he was again Drafted for a three months touer of duty that he again entered the service at the said county of Augusta on the 10th of January 1780 in Capt. Kincaids [William Kinkead's] company of Militia the Leutenant name was Warrick [probably Jacob Warwick]. Were placed under the command of Col'n. Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] and were marched to a place called Cabbin fields in Nanceymond County [sic: Nansemond County, now Suffolk City] where they joined the army commanded by Gen'l. Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] in person from this place they were march'd down to a place called Camp Carson [near Portsmouth in Dismal Swamp] where they remained near three months from this they were march'd to a place called the Burnt Mills on the head of the Nanceymond [sic: Nansemond] River and remained at this place about six weeks. was engaged in guarding prisoners and protecting the countrey from the Scouting parties of the British. from this place our company was detached to conduct a party of prisoners into N. Carolina. we conducted or guarded them into Mecklenburgh [sic: Mecklenburg] County N.C. and then returned to Burnt Mills and was there discharged in May after remaining in the service he thinks four months and fifteen days in June following he was again drafted at the County of Augusta aforesaid that he entered the service in Capt. Wm Vance's Company of Virginia militia and was placed under the command of Majer Alex'r. Robinson [sic: Alexander Robertson]. they were marched to Staunton from that place they Guarded a number of British prisoners to a place called Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and remained at said last mentioned place in charge of the said prisoners until the latter part of July, when they were discharged out of service and arrived at home in the first of August making six weeks service this touer this affiant does declare that he served the three touers of duty aforesaid making in the aggregate from the time he entered the service until his return six months and 21 or 23 days. and that he has no documentary evidence of his said Services as he got no written discharge, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said 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

He further says that he has no record of his age. is informed and believes that he was Born in the year 1764 in the County of Augusta and State of Virginia and that at the time he was called

into Service he resided in the said county of Augusta & State of Virginia and that he served in the Militia of that state and that since the Revolutionary War he resided in the said county of Augusta & State of Virginia and from that place he came to this County (Preble) where he now resides and has resided here for the space of three years last past.

and that he is known to Rev'd. David Purnam and James Graham who resides in his present neighbourhood who can testify to his character for truth and Veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolutionary War

[signed] William Graham

[James Graham, 66, deposed that he was the brother of William Graham and recalled William Graham's leaving and returning from service, including one "long stay beyond his time giving some uneasiness to the family and his stay being frequently spoken of in the family before and after his return home from the service."]

The State of Ohio }

Preble County } SS. Before me Isaac Stephens a Justice of the Peace within and for said county came personally William Graham aged about 75 years who being duly sworn says upon his Oath that the reason why he did not make an earlier application for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 is that he did not know that he came within the provisions of said act or indeed any other act of Congress - until some time in the latter part of last summer or fall shortly before he made his application he was informed by James Graham who had as deponent understood been making some inquiry on the subject, that his Deponants services in the War of the Revolution would entitle him to a Pension - he then made his application at the next court of common pleas for Preble County. Deponent says he is old and very infirm and consequently mingles but very little with the business part of Society and knows but little about public affairs. he had understood before he left Virginia that there was a late pension law and that many of the old Revolutionary men were drawing pensions but his understanding was that to bring them within the provisions of the law they must have rendered six months service together at one time or tour. he says that he came from Augusta County in the State of Virginia to this county in the fall of AD 1835. that he now resides in this county about fifteen miles from Eaton in a remote part of the county and did not know until Sunday last that any explanation why he had not made an earlier application was required

he further says that the history of his services as given in his declaration he believes to be correct he thinks in his first tour under Capt. Walkup and Col. Moffet he was out twenty one days. his Second tour under Capt. Kincaid and Col. Matthews he feels confident he was out four months and perhaps something over. and in his last tour under Capt. Vance and Major Robinson he was out one month and a half. this estimate includes all the time he was out and he supposes that some five or six (or more) days of the time he was engaged in traveling home from service after being discharged

he further states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than six months in actual service and for such service he claims a pension his reason for charging for only six months is that he does not want to charge for a longer time than he was in actual service. in his declaration he has counted all the time he was out each tour including the time employed in traveling home after being discharged, and he thinks in charging for six months service only he makes a full and indeed more than sufficient allowance for all the time he was traveling to and from the Service —

Sworn to and subscribed the 6th day of April 1839

William Graham