

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Joseph Gray S16390

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State of Kentucky } Sct

Spencer County }

On this 18th day of January 1833 personally appeared before me James H. Brown a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Spencer and State of Kentucky and by virtue of my Commission one of the Judges composing the county Court of Spencer County in the State of Kentucky which is a Court of record for said County Joseph Gray aged 79 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 after stated. 1st in the month of August in the year 1778. he states he was drafted in the County of Goochland & State of Virginia and entered the service under Captain Miller [possibly William A. Miller] and was marched into Albemarle County Virginia he was there placed under the command of Colonel Fountaine [possibly William Fontaine] to guard the British prisoners he states he performed a six months tour of duty in this service and was discharged in or about the month of February 1779 from the aforesaid service. 2nd In the month of June in the year 1780 he states he was drafted for a six months Tour of duty under Capt'n [Edmund] Curd and was marched from Goochland Courthouse Virginia to Hillsborough North Carolina and then fell into the 4th Regiment of the Virginia militia under the command of Colonel [James] Lucas, Colonel [Rawleigh] Downman & Major [Nathaniel Garsden] Morris were field officers under General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] and we were then marched to Cambden South Carolina and was there at the time that General Gates defeated [defeat of Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. after that defeat we marched to Salisbury [NC] & from thence to Hillsborough North Carolina & from thence to a place called the New Garden [in Guilford County NC] & from thence to Guilford Courthouse & there discharged in the month of December 1780. during the aforesaid tour of six months he states he was in no battles or actual engagements except the Battle of Cambden & in that he was only partially engaged being on the outskirts of the army 3rd In a very short time say in the month of December 1780 or in the month of January 1781 his services were of the following character up to the month of November 1781 towit at the time that Richmond in Virginia was invaded by Arnold [Gen. Benedict Arnold, 5 - 7 Jan 1781], or the invasion threatened he was called out under Capt'n [John] Price marched to Williamsburg served as orderly serjeant under Major Morris. he was then marched to Farrows Island under the command of Colonel Nicholas. from thence we marched to Richmond Virginia. he states he was [th]en called on & placed under the command of Major Ledson[?] at Richmond Virginia and acted as an orderly serjeant until General LaFayette took the command of the army [14 Mar]. he states that he was then sent to the Morben Hills [sic: Malvern Hill] in Henrico County Virginia to reinforce the light infantry under the command of Maj'r [William] Boyce he states he there served as Quartermaster. he states he cant give a particular & detailed account of the movements of army or rather [illegible word] or to which he was attached, recollects that we were compelled to retreat towards the line between Maryland & Virginia in the month of November 1781. we were there discharged during all this latter mentioned period towit from December 1780 until November 1781 he was constantly engaged in actual service as orderly serjeant and Quartermaster, but cannot give the dates of his change from one place to another, or when he was changed from under the command of one officer and placed under the command of another. He states he was born in the County of Hanover & state of Virginia on the 9th day of March in the year 1753 he moved from Hanover County to the County of Goochland Virginia in the year 1772 & there lived until he moved to the County of Henrico Virginia which was in the year 1780 or 81. he there lived until the 14th of October 1805 & then moved to the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky, in which County & the County of Spencer he has resided ever since & now resides in Spencer County Kentucky. he states that he has no written discharges from his service aforesaid, neither has he any documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services aforesaid. He states

he is well known to Philip W. Taylor a clergyman and Joseph W. Alexander who are residents in his neighbourhood, who he believes can & will testify as to his the said Joseph Grays character for veracity and as to their belief of his services 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. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] Joseph Gray