

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Littlebury Gresham S16394

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Georgia Troup County: SS

On this day personally appeared in open Court this the Sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 before James Culberson, Collins Rogers and Joel D. Newson Justices of the Inferior Court of said County now Sitting Littlebury Gresham a Resident of said County & State aged Seventy 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein Stated, he entered the Service a Little before the British landed at Charleston in South Carolina, the particular year not recollected, under the Command of General Lyncoln [Benjamin Lincoln] (Christian name not recollected) Colonel Archibald Lytle (Major in command not recollected), Captain John Trousdell [sic, James Trousdale], who commanded at Charleston in South Carolina, marched under the Command of the above named Officers from Orange County in the State of North Carolina to Charleston in South Carolina, direct, and Served my time out and Received my discharge from the Colonel in command, a Little before the Town fell [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]; the deponent entered the Service of the United States again under Captain Mark Patterson in a Light horse Company at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781]<sup>1</sup> in North Carolina under the command of Colonel Malmaday (his given name not recollected) [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] and deponent further saith that he served a Tour, under the command of Major John McClary – Captain's name not recollected – the deponent sayeth that he then Entered the Service in the Foot Company, but was afterwards Joined [to] the Horse Company and marched through North & South Carolina down to the Eutaw Springs where a Battle [Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]<sup>2</sup> was fought, and after which the deponent was discharged,

That he entered the Services as a Volunteer, in part and at other times was drafted, in all the occasions mentioned, that he resided in Orange County in the State of North Carolina when he entered the Services, that he continued in the Services about Seven years, and was the greater part of the time engaged in actual Service against the British & Tories. That he is now very old and infirm, and memory so impaired as not to recollect dates & times has only a recollection of Events, that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his Services other than those accompanying this application, and that said Littlebury hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of this State of Georgia or any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me [sic, us] the day & year aforesaid

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

S/ James Culberson, JIC

S/ Joel Newson, JIC

S/ Collin Roger, JIC

S/ Littlebury Gresham

[Henry Perkins, a clergyman, and Uriah Dunn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia, Troup County: SS

On this Twenty-fourth day of June in the year while Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court Littlebury Grisham a resident of the County of Troup and State of Georgia of age Seventy years, who being first duly sworn deposeth on oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Provisions of an Act of Congress passed on June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

To the first Interrogatory he answers "that he was Born on the fourth day of July 1762 – in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina --

Answer to the Second Interrogatory: "he has a record of his age transcribed by him from his father's record which is now in his possession --

Answer to the third Interrogatory "That he resided when called into the Service of the United States in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina – that from thence the deponent removed to the County of Wilkes in the State of Georgia, from thence to the County of Greene, and from thence to the County of Morgan and from thence to the County of Monroe and from thence to the County of Troup in the State last above mentioned where he now resides.

Answer to fourth Interrogatory "this deponent commenced his first tour of Service under a Draft which Term of Service was for the term & space of Three Months to the best of this deponent's recollection it was in the month of January or December and marched to the Siege of Charleston SC under the Command of Colonel Archibald Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle], Captain John Trousdale [sic, James Trousdale] and were under the Command of General Lyncoln [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] at the Siege of Charleston SC, the year this deponent does not recollect – he was discharged at Charleston at the Expiration of the three months and a few days before the fall of Charleston, which Term of Service lasted the term & space of three months the deponent received a discharge which was signed by Colonel Lytle – the date not recollected, which I think was on or about the last day of March; the year this deponent cannot recollect; -- which discharge he kept for upwards of 20 years – which is now destroyed.

The Second Tour of this deponent's Service commenced in the year after he was discharged at Charleston SC as a Substitute for William Thedford (to the best of his recollection) under the Command of Colonel Malmedy, Captain Mark Patterson, the Major's name not recollected, the deponent does not recollect what month or year it was – but that he substituted for the Term & space of three months for the said William Thedford and did serve the term & space of three months in the charge & place of the said William Thedford – the deponent was under the command of General Butler [John Butler] at the Battle of Guilford and in a Troop of Horse, -- he commenced his Second Tour of Service on foot, and before the Battle of Guilford he then joined the Horse Company as above stated. This deponent does not think or now recollect of his ever receiving a discharge for this his Second Term of Service.

The deponent Commenced a Third Tour of Service under the Command of Captain John McClagy [John McClary] (who was afterwards promoted to Major) the Colonel or General's names not recollected by this deponent – he entered the third Tour of service as a Substitute in the Light Horse Company to the best of his recollection the Substitutor's [sic] name not now recollected by this deponent – this term of service was for the Term of three months – which Service was by this deponent performed by marching from the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina to the Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina, where a Battle was fought against the British – the deponent does not recollect the day month or year – he was while in this term of service under General Green [sic,

Nathanael Greene] commanded at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs; the deponent's term of Service being out, he was discharged, but does not recollect to have received a discharge – this last specified Term of service was for the term & the space of three months, as therein [?] Stated.

The Deponent was then[?] engaged as a Volunteer in many Skirmishes and skirmishing parties against the British and Tories – the particular times cannot be by this deponent recollected – that they were numerous and of short duration.

This deponent is now very old and infirm and his memory so impaired that he cannot Recollect days dates and months or years, and that he has no documentary evidence to Support his declaration and further that he knows of no person or persons by whom he can procure the evidence to Strengthen his declaration, or prove his Services.

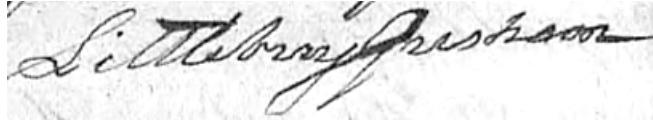
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Interrogatory the 6<sup>th</sup> – Answers embodied in the declaration at the close of each term[?] of Service as above stated.

The said Littlebury Grisham he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of agency of this or any other State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Littlebury Gresham

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Littlebury Gresham", written in dark ink on a light-colored paper background.

S/ Oliver Porter Fears, Clk

[Henry Perkins, V. D. M., a clergyman, and Uriah Dunn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]