

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Gragg [Gregg], Samuel S16840

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[p2] Alabama certificate 69025
Private under Captain Irvine
Regiment of Col^o Washington
Virginia for 10 months
\$33.33/annum
Issued 23Apr1833 and sent to
D Hubbard, Moulton Co Alabama

[p3] State of Alabama
Lawrence County Circuit Court for September term for 1832

On the 29th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Hon^l John White Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit of the State of Alabama now sitting, Samuel Gregg Sen^r resident of said county and state aged Seventy five 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 7, 1832 (to wit) That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He served his first campaign against the Indians on the levels Green briar River [*Greenbrier River*], Virginia as a volunteer under Captain Edward Irvine [*Edward Erwin*] from Augusta County, Virginia where affiant was born and then resided. Major Vance [*Samuel Vance*] commanded the battalion. The Indians were driven from their towns without the fire of a gun. We were out a little upwards of two months and he had no discharge. This happened about the same time as the battle of Lexington was fought.

Was afterwards called into service to guard English prisoners taken at the Cowpens [*January 17, 1781*], continued in service about one month.

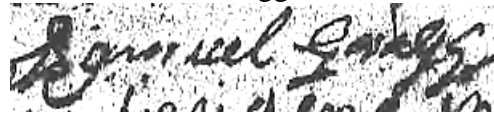
3^d Tour he volunteered under Captain Thomas Smith to go against the English then in North Carolina about 1781 as well as he recollects dates. Marched from Virginia towards Guilford. Crossed Dan River at Stovall's Ferry. Col. Moffet [*George Moffitt*] commanded the battalion or regiment. Was in an engagement with the British at Guilford North Carolina [*March 15, 1781*]. Gen^l Greene [*Nathanael Greene*] commanded the Americans and Col Washington [*William Washington*] and a major or Col Lee [*Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee*] from Virginia was along. Washington commanded one corps and Col Lee the other part of the light horse. The British in that battle drove the North Carolina militia first without much fighting. Then the Virginia militia done a little better after which our regulars drove them a little distance but they all got mixed together and confused and Gen^l Greene retreated about ten miles to the iron works [*Troublesome Iron Works, also known as Speedwell's Iron Works*]. After that the British retreated and our army followed them. After heading up from Speedwell's Iron Works and following the British a few days my tour was up and I went home and immediately returned to Yorktown and stayed during the siege until Lord Cornwallis made a
[p4] surrender [*October 19, 1781*] of his whole army to Gen^l Washington. Then I returned home. Was never in but two battles, Guilford and the siege of York. I went a tour to the lower part of

Virginia under Lieut. Campbell [*perhaps Lieutenant Robert Campbell*] in the horse to Hickory neck Church. Before he got there Major Hamilton [*perhaps John or Charles Hamilton*] was defeated by the British and he did not join them but returned home. Was gone not one month. I went another tour to the lower part of North Carolina & was gone one month – no battle. In all I was out in service about ten months. Never had a discharge. Am about seventy five years of age, my age recorded in my Father's Bible now in possession of one of my brothers now in Missouri. Never had any discharge from service nor did I ever receive one cent of pay. I moved from Augusta Virginia after the close of the Revolution to East Tennessee and from East Tennessee to Alabama where he has resided twenty three years. Cannot prove his services by any person in the country. The last man he knows of lived about forty miles from this and has since died. His name was Evan Evans. He heard of him about one year ago.

As a soldier of the Revolution Crockett McDonald a clergyman lives near him and knows he is a man of veracity and entitled to credit. Said McDonald, John Gallagher, Argyle Campbell, & David Ligon all know he is reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the revolution in his neighborhood. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. ↑ Before the signing I further state that I served one tour of three months in the year 1774 against the Cherokee Indians. *Cpt Sawyers of Botetourt County Virginia Col Cristie [William Christian] from Rockbridge County in command. About four hundred & fifty men we marched to the Valley Towns west of Tellico and there made a treaty, my father killed young McCormack, a half breed Chief which made much noise & delayed the Treaty. My oldest brother had been killed by the Indians.* Sworn to & subscribed as above stated ↓
Sworn to & subscribed in open Sept 29, 1832.

John Gallagher Clerk

Samuel Gragg

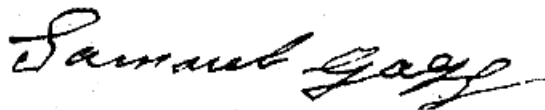


We Crockett McDonald, a clergyman residing in Lawrence County Alabama and John Gallagher, Argyle Campbell and David Ligon residing in the same [p5] hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Samuel Gregg who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration. That that [sic] we believe him to be seventy five years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid


[routine county certification by John Gallagher, clerk, John White, judge]

[p 67: On March 24, 1838 in Washington County Arkansas, Samuel Gragg applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Arkansas agency stating that he had removed to near Fayetteville Arkansas to be with a part of his children who reside in Washington County Arkansas.



This affidavit was supported by Henry Gregg and John Loyd.]

[p 63: On October 5, 1840 in Washington County Arkansas, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Arkansas agency; he describes himself as having served under Lieutenant Campbell at a battle near the Hickory Neck Church; under Captain Thomas Smith at the Battle of Guilford; and under Captain P. Buchorn [?] at the siege of Yorktown; he stated that his reason for moving to Arkansas is that he is 83 years old and desired to be with his children who had settled in Washington County Arkansas.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel Gregg". The ink is dark and the background is light and slightly textured.

This application was supported by the affidavits of Henry and Samuel Gregg Jr.]

[p 23: Affidavit dated April 12, 1849 given in Washington County Arkansas by William C Roberts & Thornberry W Barr stating that the veteran died on or about January 12, 1841; that no wife survived him; that Henry and Samuel Gregg, Jr. our sons and heirs at law of the veteran.]

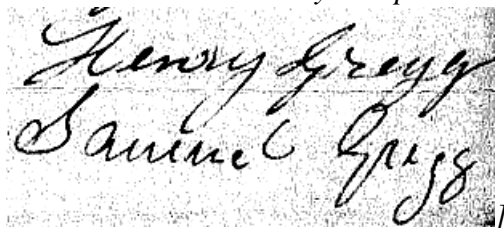
[p 58: On April 12, 1849 in Washington County Arkansas, Samuel Gregg Junior gave testimony that he is one of the sons and heirs of Samuel Gregg, a revolutionary war pensioner; that his father died January 12, 1841 in Washington County and there was no wife at the time of his father's death.]

[p 62: On April 12, 1849 in Washington County Arkansas, Henry Gregg, a son and heir of Samuel Gregg, revolutionary war pensioner gave testimony that his father resided in Washington County Arkansas for 5 years and 2 months before his death, previous to which he had resided in Lawrence County Alabama and that he, his father, departed this life January 12, 1841 in Washington County leaving no wife.]

[p 6: Power of attorney dated July 8, 1850 executed in Washington County Arkansas by Henry Gregg and Samuel Gregg as sons & heirs of Samuel Gregg Sr., deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner.]

[p 8: Final payment of \$228.60 unclaimed pension at Huntsville agency July 1851]

[p 10: By affidavit dated July 8, 1850, Henry Gregg and Samuel Gregg gave testimony that they and Ellis Gregg and Lydia Bigham and Jane White are the heirs and only heirs of Samuel Gregg deceased a revolutionary war pensioner.

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Henry Gregg" and the bottom signature reads "Samuel Gregg". Both are written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 39: Power of attorney dated January 30, 1850 given in Johnson County Missouri by William Bigham and Lyddia Bigham, Robert M White and Jane White as a heirs of Samuel Gregg, deceased, a pensioner of the United States.

William Bigham
Lydia Bigham
Robert M. Wood
Jane White

[p 43: Power of attorney dated April 25, 1850 executed in Burlson County Texas by Ellis Gregg, heir of Samuel Gregg, a revolutionary war pensioner

Ellis Gregg

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia service.]