

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Graham S21786

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State of South Carolina, Chester district

On this second day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the court of General Sessions and Common Pleas of said District and State, now sitting, James Graham, a resident of Chester District, and State of South Carolina aged 72 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served from the year 1778 to the year 1782 as herein stated -- "In the beginning of the month of December 1778, being 17 years of age, I was drafted under Captain Alexander Turner, Major Brown [John Brown] and Brigadier General Richardson [Richard Richardson], we lay at Monk's Corner [sic, Moncks Corner] some time and proceeded to the quarter house near Charleston -- from thence we crossed the Edisto River, through Jacksonborough to the town of Purrysburg, where we fell under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], who I believe had his head quarters at that place, we remained at Purrysburg until my term of service expired -- about the first March 1779 when I returned home, immediately on my return home I was called out with all those liable to do duty, under the command of Captain Turner and Lieutenant-Colonel Brown we marched to Orangeburg, where we lay a considerable time, and then marched to Black Swamp, the British troops being after us, we were compelled to retire to Charleston, where, I believe, we remained six months if not longer."

"In the beginning of the year 1781 I was attached to Captain John Turner's Militia company, under Colonel Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey], we joined General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], and marched to the Congaree Fort; which we besieged<sup>1</sup> for some time -- we were compelled to abandon the Siege and marched towards Charleston -- on our route we met a party of the enemy - - killed and took nearly the whole of them<sup>2</sup> -- we then crossed the Santee River and had an engagement with the enemy<sup>3</sup> -- General Sumter retreated -- we then marched to Kings-Tree on Black River, from thence to the Waxhaw where we were dismissed."

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<sup>1</sup> Fort Granby February 19-21, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_granby\\_1.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_1.html)

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps a reference to the action at Big Savanna, February 23, 1781  
[https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_big\\_savannah.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_big_savannah.html)

<sup>3</sup> Perhaps a reference to the action at Fort Watson on February 24, 1781  
[https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_watson\\_1.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_1.html)

"In the month of March 1781 a small party under the command of Lieutenant James Kennedy attacked a party of Tories at the plantation of old James Wylie's, in this District, on Rocky Creek<sup>4</sup> -- we routed them through the old fields -- they returned, and owing to superior numbers, they compelled our party to leave the field, after killing one of our men, Samuel Wylie, the son of old James Wylie -- we killed a Tory by the name of \_\_ Fair."

"In the month of May 1781 I was attached to Captain John Turner's company under Colonel Hampton -- we marched to the Congaree Fort,<sup>5</sup> after besieging it a short time -- the enemy surrendered to Colonel Lee and I returned home."

"In the month of July 1781, I again started out with Captain Turner, and left the company to drive cattle for General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army which occupied my time about one month."

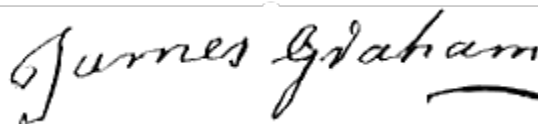
"In the month of February 1782 under the command of Captain Turner, we marched to Orangeburg and fell under the command of Major Wallis, we guarded the Jail containing Tory prisoners about two months -- in the month of May 1782 under the command of Major Hanna [William Hanna] we hunted the woods on the Edisto River, about two months, for Tories." This was the last of my Revolutionary services, I now live in the same neighborhood that I lived in during the Revolutionary War.

Deponent further says he has no written discharge and hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ J. Rosborough

S/ James Graham



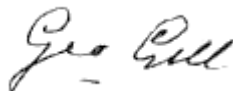
The State of South Carolina, Chester District

I, George Gill, Senior,<sup>6</sup> aged 72 years do hereby certify I was personally acquainted with the above named James Graham in the time of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ J. Rosborough

S/ Geo. Gill



[LeRoy Davies, a clergyman, and George Gill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, and administered to James Graham, by the Honorable Richard Gantt, presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for Chester District -- Spring Term 1833

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

<sup>4</sup> March 1781, Wylie's Plantation [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_wylies\\_plantation.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wylies_plantation.html)

<sup>5</sup> Fort Granby #2 May 14, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_granby\\_2.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html)

<sup>6</sup> [George Gill S38726](#)

Answer-- I was born in Ireland in the year 1761 and emigrated to Charleston in the year 1772 afterwards settled where I now live.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- My father had a book containing the family ages which I have seen, but cannot say at this time whatever became of it.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer -- I was living in Chester District, at the same place then, that I now live, when called into service.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer -- I was on several occasions drafted, and at other terms of service I volunteered. I was never a substitute.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- I recollect General Greene & Lieutenant Colonel Washington, having to the cattle for his Army I do not recollect at this time the names of any others, as my service was confined nearly all together to the militia. Colonel Winn commanded our Regiment. I do not recollect the names of any Regiments and refer to my narrative of facts for the general circumstances of my service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer -- I never received a written discharge -- it was usual after our terms of service expired, to give the soldiers a verbal discharge.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer -- Reverend Mr Davis, James Harbison, Esq., John McDill, Thomas McClurken and others of my neighbors can testify to my veracity and my revolutionary services.

Sworn to in open court

S/ James Graham

S/ J. Rosborough, Clerk

S/ R. Gantt, P. J.

South Carolina, Chester District: (Amended declaration of James Graham)

Personally appeared before me John Rosborough, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for the district and state aforesaid James Graham, who being duly sworn, deposed and saith, 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 the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades. For two months and 16 days I served in the militia (was drafted) under Captain Turner in the year 1778 -- For six months, I served as a volunteer under Captain Turner in the year 1779 -- For one month and six days I served as a volunteer under Captain John Turner in the year 1781 -- For one night and day as a volunteer under Lieutenant Kennedy in the year 1781 -- For two months I served as a volunteer under Captain Turner in the year 1781 -- For one month I served as a volunteer under Captain Turner in the year 1781 -- For two months I served as a volunteer under

Captain Turner in the year 1782 -- For two months I served as a volunteer under Captain Turner and Major Wallis in the year 1782 and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed 6 July 1833 before me.

S/ J Rosborough, Clerk

S/ James Graham

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$55.88 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for 16 months and 23 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>7</sup> relating to James Graham pp 27  
Audited Account No. 3030  
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[No.] 444 [Book] Y 21 November 85 [1785]

James Graham his Account for 118 day duty in Colonel Turner's Company of Horse 1781, and for 82 days as private in same Company of foot, in 1782 under the command of Colonel Winn - in all 200 days

in [old South Carolina] Currency £159

Amount Stg. [Sterling] £22.14.3 ¼

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina

to James Graham

Dr.

1781

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> to 118 Day Service under the Command of Captain John Turner and Colonel Winn's regiment at 20S/ [20 shillings old SC] Currency per Day

£118.0.0

1782

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> to 41 days Service under the Command of Captain John Turner in Colonel Winn's regiment at 10S/ Currency per day

20.10.0

1782

June the 16<sup>th</sup> to 41 days Service under the Command of Captain John Turner in Colonel Winn's Regiment at 10S/ Currency per day

20.10.0

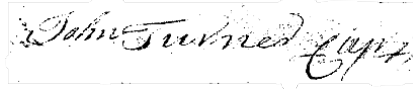
total

£159.0.0

Certified by me S/ John Turner Capt.

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<sup>7</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

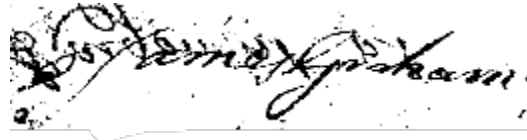


Appeared James Graham and Made Oath that the Above Account is Just and true and that the State is Justly in Due [sic, in debt to] him for the Same and Likewise the Service done by him the whole amounts to one hundred fifty-nine Pounds old currency.

Sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1784

S/ Phil Walker, JP

S/ James Graham



I do Certify that the Above Account of Horse & foot Service was done in my Regiment

S/ Richard Winn



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Received the 21 November 1785 full Satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 440 4Y

S/ James Graham



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The petition of James Graham praying to be placed on the pension list

Pensions

Eaves

Rejected

[p 17: The following is heavily edited for spelling]

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina now Met & Sitting in General Assembly at Columbia

The Petition of James Graham's humbly Sheweth that your petitioner was a Soldier during the Revolutionary War in the year 1778 & Served out under the Command of Captain Turner who was Attached to General Richardson's Brigade & Major General Linkhorn [Lincoln] & went to Purrysburg - the Summer after out at Orangeburg & Then Towards the Black Swamp & then the British Drove us into Charleston - Then Joined General Sumter & was with the Trip called the Rounds Then I was under the command of Captain Turner who was attached to General Sumter at the taking of Friday's Fort - then I was out under Colonel Winn who was Attached to General Greene - & Then Served a Campaign under the Command of Major Wallace

& then Another Tower [tour] under Captain Turner at Edisto - Likewise I was with Sumter in the Indian Land - & I was under the Command of General Greene at the High hills of Santee & I was out in several Small Towers & scimmages which cannot recollect the long lapse of time being Expired, I Joined Captain John Hollis's Company after the Treaty of peace was made in order to Suppress the plunderers & Tories from Destroying & carrying off the private property - I was at the Congaree Fort under General Sumter & stayed till the siege was raised & then retreated Down the river & went round with Sumter to a place called Wright's Bluff & was ordered out in a Small party to another place to attack a small party the [sic, thus I] was not present at the time of the battle at the Bluff & then went on with Sumter to where his wife lived & he took her away & went into Waxhaw Settlement & I was dismissed came home, and he would State to your Honorable Body that he is now old poor & infirm in Body and that often Times Unfit for labor he humbly prays Your Honorable Body to place him on the Pension List as he has but Slender Claims on Life being in the Sixty fifth year of his Age & your Petitioner are ever in Duty bound and will ever pray &c

S/ James Graham



South Carolina Chester District } James Graham personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice & being duly sworn says that the statements made in the within petition are all true and that he owns no lands but has 2 Negroes 1 of which is 8 years old the other about 5 and it is got a palsy [undeciphered word] no other property.  
Sworn to before me the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 1827

S/ James Graham

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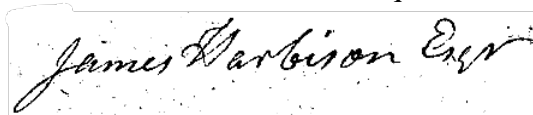
South Carolina Chester District } Personally came James Harbison Senior<sup>8</sup> before Me the subscribing Justice and Made oath that he was acquainted with James Graham in the Revolutionary War and those that he was a firm friend to his Country and that he took an active part in the struggle when young that he went out in 1778 to Purrysburg and in 1779 to Orangeburg and Black Swamp and into town when General Multree [William Moultrie] that he then Joined Sumter after Charleston had fallen and then went the Rounds with him then was at the taking Friday's Fort and then was with General Greene at the high hills then at Orangeburg and then at Edisto he had the Name of a Good Soldier and is No [sic now] grown old and has no land and only 2 small Negroes about 7 or 8 years old

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1827

S/ David Jamieson, JP

S/ James Harbison Esqr.



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<sup>8</sup> [James Harbison W17039](#)

South Carolina Chester District} Personally came Thomas McClorken<sup>9</sup> before Me the subscribing Justice and being Duly Sworn saith he was acquainted with James Graham from a boy that he knew that he was Early Called out into the Service in the Revolutionary War that he Believes he was a good Soldier his first trip was in 1778 at Purrysburg he was next in 1779 at Orangeburg & at Black Swamp and then Retreated with General Mootly [William Moultrie] into Charleston he was then under Brigadier General Richardson and Major General Lincoln afterward he joined Sumter & was with him in the trip Called the Rounds he was also at the taking of Friday's Fort he was then out under Colonel Winn under General Greene at the high hills then at Orangeburg he was in all the Battles in those campaigns and at several scrimmages of a smaller Nature but Equally Dangerous and still behaved well he is Now grown old and Destitute of land & [undeciphered word] Says he has Two Small Negroes of Six or Eight years of age –

Sworn to this 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1827 before

S/ David Jamieson, JP

S/ Thomas McClorken



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South Carolina Chester District} Personally appeared James McCaw Senior<sup>10</sup> before me the Subscribing Justice & made oath according to Law & Saith that he was acquainted with James Graham in the time of the Revolutionary War & Served with him in Captain [indecipherable surname] Company which was but does not know whether it was Dixon's Company or Captain Turner's Attached to Colonel Lacey's Regiment at Orangeburg but was not to the best of his recollection anywhere Else in Camps with him the said Graham & that he always believed him to be a true friend to his Country & served along with him after the Treaty of peace was made in a Company raised by Captain Mills to Suppress the Tories who were Plundering the private property and carrying it off unlawfully he was present on the line then.

Sworn to the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1782

S/ David Jamieson, JP

S/ James McCaw



[p 25: very heavily edited for spelling]

State of South Carolina Chester District} personally appeared John McDill<sup>11</sup> before me the subscribing Justice and being sworn saith I was acquainted with James Gremes [sic] as a soldier [during] the time of the Revolutionary war and that he served with me in the American service and can affirm that he was a good Whig and I believe a true friend to his Country and he bore the Character of a good soldier and that few excelled him in turning out to do duty his first trip was in the year 1778 and in the beginning of the year 1779 to Purrysburg under the command of Brigadier Ritcheson [Richard Richardson] and Major General Lincoln the next summer following out at Orangeburg and towards black swamp and then the British drove them into

<sup>9</sup> [Thomas McClorken \(McClurken\) W21792](#)

<sup>10</sup> [James McCaw S18117](#)

<sup>11</sup> [John McDill S21879](#)

Charleston and afterwards he joined General Sumter and was with him in the trip Called Sumter's Rounds next he was at the taking of Friday's Fort next he was a tour out I believe under General Greene and had Colonel Wins [sic Richard Winn] for Colonel next he served a campaign at Orangeburg and then he was another trip out on Edisto likewise he was with Sumter in the Indian land.

S/ John McDill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John McDill", enclosed within a faint, irregular rectangular border.

Sworn before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1827

S/ John Moffat, JP

[Note: The veteran's petition was rejected without explanation.]