

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Graham S31081

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State of Kentucky }
Mercer County Ss }

This day Thomas Graham Sen'r, a revolutionary soldier came into open court and made oath to the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining a Pension under the late act of Congress for the benefit of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war passed June 7th 1832. I Thomas Graham sen being sworn according to law in open court do hereby declare that I am now in the 73^d year of my age and blind and that I did in the Spring of the year 1778 enter the Militia of the State of Virginia in Capt Wm Browns [William Brown's] Company, of Col H Peytons [H. Peyton's] Regiment for the term of three months and I was engaged in the service of the U States in the revolutionary war and I was at York as a guard the greater part of the time – and I was again engaged in a six months tour in the fall of the same year under the same Captain & Colonel & was employd as a guard at various points, and faithfully performed my duty until my time expired – and in the year 1779 in the month of May as well as I recollect I volunteerd again in the Militia service of the State of Virginia, in Prince William county Virginia for the term of nine months, in Capt Joseph Lights company of Col George Doolys [possibly George Dooley's] regiment and marched into to North and South Carolina to aid Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], where I faithfully performed my duty as a Soldier until within one month of my terms being out; Col [Henry] Lee had the priviledge of enlisting cavalry out of the militia and being well acquainted with him, I enlisted with him for and during the war, and faithfully discharged my duty except a portion of the latter of my term when I was sick until the close of the war In all of which services I discharged my duty and was honorably discharged from all my services as well in militia as with Lee, but I have long since lost my discharges. I further state that I am not a pensioner of the united states or any state, and I do hereby relinquish all claim to any other pension except the present. Witness my hand this 12th July 1832. Thomas hisXmark Graham

NOTES:

On 26 March 1833 Samuel McNutt, 50, and Francis Adams (pension application W8313) certified that they had frequently heard Thomas Graham recount his services.

A letter dated 3 March 1833 states that "Old man Graham" was entirely blind and his hearing much impaired.