

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Grayham (Graham) S3421

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State of Tennessee, White County

On this 17th day of February 1834 personally appeared before me Edmund Stamps one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County of White in the State of Tennessee Isaac Grayham a resident citizen of the County of White and State aforesaid aged eighty-four years who being first duly sworn according to the laws of the land, on his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the United States in the war of the revolution and served as herein after stated.

He states that as well as he can now recollect in the fall of 1778, He was drafted for a tour of five months in the County of Caswell North Carolina, and joined a company commanded by Captain George Moore, and marched to Hillsboro and there joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Saunders, the adjutant was Captain Samuel Johnson, marched to Guilford Courthouse, then to Salisbury then through Mecklenburg then to Camden then to a place called the Moncks Corner then to a place called the ten mile house near Charleston and continued there for some time. The Army on the way was commanded by General Rutherford bracket Griffith Rutherford] & General Butler [John Butler]. He states that his time of service for which he was drafted expired before he left the ten mile house. General Rutherford told the militia they could go on with the Main Army or not just as they pleased. He states he did not further march with the Army. He was in no battle.

After his tour of five months was out he was ~~called~~ told by their Colonel that they could be compelled to served one year in scouting parties if required. He states that he joined a company commanded by Captain John Land, continued under his command until he was killed. They were attacked by the British light horse and put to flight. After this he was put under command of Captain James Macky [James McKay], while under him the Tories attacked them about 3 miles above Rocky Mount, and the Tories were put to flight, one killed and a few prisoners taken. He was changed and placed under command of Captain Hemphill,¹ while under his command Colonel Patton came to where he was and asked him if he had not yet got his discharge to which he replied he had not, when the Colonel told him if he would get his Captain to write one he would sign it, and so he got a written discharge from Colonel Patton and returned home to North Carolina. He states that he served faithfully for ten months in the scouting service in the country around Charleston in the State of South Carolina. He states that while in this service he suffered many privations and hardships. The Tories were very troublesome and required the scouting parties to be on the alert. He was once shot at by three Tories that escaped without being wounded. He omitted to state that Captain Land was killed near Rocky Creek – about 25 miles above Camden.

He states that he served out fifteen months.

¹ The only "Capt. Hemphill" known to have served in the NC Militia was Thomas Hemphill of Burke County, NC.
http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_captains.html

He lost his discharge.

He states he is very old and infirm he is almost blind and unable to go to the Court house of his County to make out his declaration. He lives in a remote part of his country. Some considerable time since a man came to his house and informed him of the act of Congress, wrote a declaration for him which he has never seen since, he learned that it was effective and rejected and he has never been able to get it and is therefore reduced to the necessity of making a new declaration.

He states that he is very poor and stands greatly in need of the charity of his Country. He has no documentary evidence of his service nor can he prove the same by any living witness.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Isaac Grayham

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Grayham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, characteristic of 18th or 19th-century handwriting.

The applicant makes the following answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War department.

1. I was born in Prints William County in the State of Virginia, and in the year 1749
2. As I have for I have no record of my age
3. I was living in Caswell County North Carolina when called into the service. Since the revolution I lived in South Carolina, moved back to North Carolina, then moved to Knox County Tennessee and from there to White County where I now reside
4. I was first drafted for five months after that time expired, I joined the scouting service and was regularly engaged in defending against the Tories
5. When in service General Rutherford & General Butler were in command I knew Colonel Saunders who commanded the Regiment to which I belonged
6. I received a discharge but lost it many years past
7. Samuel Johnson Esquire, Laben Walker, Lewis Bohannon, Edmond Stamps, Richard Bradley, and many more who lived in my neighborhood and I believe will testify as to my character for veracity and my reputation as a soldier of the revolution

S/ Isaac Grayham

[John Stamps, Lewis Bohannon, Laben Walker & Samuel H. Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia.]

² this may not be the actual signature of the veteran as the handwriting appears to be identical to the handwriting in the body of the document