

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Graves S37957

VA

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Georgia } Superior court September Term 1820
Burke County } Present the Honorable Christopher B Strong Esq'r. Judge of said court
(Original Claim)
District of Georgia S.S.

On this 25th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record William Graves aged 55 years and upwards resident in Burke County aged 55 years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said William Graves enlisted for the term of during the war on the first day of March or April in the year 1781, in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Ferdinand Onill [sic: Ferdinand Oneal (O'Neal), pension application R16846] Lieutenant Colonel [Henry] Lee's legion in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Legion until he was discharged, when he was discharged from the said Legion service in South Carolina in the State of South Carolina at the Eutaw Springs in the year 1783. That he was in the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781] the taking of Brown [Lt. Col. Thomas Brown, captured at Ft. Cornwallis GA, 6 Jun 1781] and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services except his own oath Also at Combaha when Colo. H. Laurens was killed [sic: skirmish at Combahee River SC where Lt. Col. John Laurens was killed, 27 Aug 1782] and in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

William Graves

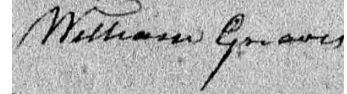
Georgia } William Graves a Citizen of said County and being duly sworn
Burke Superior Court } deposeth and saith that all the property he possess or claim consists of
one feather bed worth Fifty Dollars, his wearing apparel excepted his
family consists of himself and Wife. the occupation he now follows and for the last two years is School
keeping and he further stateth on his Oath and saith that he receives no manner of support either in a
publick or private manner only such as are commonly amongst acquaintances from the fast decline of his
health and strength the use of his members finds himself entirely inadequate to any business of a
Lucrative nature for support

William Graves

M. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War] 12th Oct'r 1820 Waynesborough Georgia

Sir the 2^d blank sent me from the war department I had to wait till the 25th Sept to get fixed up, and recorded in a court of record – which it appears that the Superior Courts and Federal Courts of this states are the only Courts of record, agreeable to the Opinion of Atty Gen'l. of the United States. I have sent you on a Certified copy and one I whole my self, by order of the Judge – hoping soon to receive the tribute my Country rewards me with, – my five years compensation pay I never rec'd nor applied for till the yr. 1818 – and was I in the same situation as I was in 1809, I would not apply neither receive a pension I have livd in easy Circumstances, and in the possession of land, and produce being low, broke [illegible word], in the year 1812 I rendered up all my property both real & personal to the Shff, it was

sold and left me in debt which I have since paid – please to direct as above
I am Sir yr.
Ob'dt Serv't.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "William Graves". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

[The following is in [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

September 26th 1784

I do certify that William Graves enlisted as a soldier in Lt. Colo. Lees corps of Light Dragoons
on the 1st day of April 1781 for During the war & that he served Untill the termination there of when he
was regularly Discharged

Geo Carrington [George Carrington]

(a true copy from the original in this office)

Lt. of Col. Lee's Legion