

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Walter Gregory S37966

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

This day personally appeared before me, William Brockenbrough, one of the judges of the General Court, & Judge of the Superior Court of Law for Spotsylvania County, Walter Gregory, aged sixty three years, resident in Fredericksburg, who being first sworn according to law doth make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the Provision made by the late 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:”

That he the said Walter Gregory enlisted as a private in February 1776 for the term of two years, under Capt. Richard Clough Anderson [pension application W1356], formerly of Hanover County, Virginia, in the 5th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, in the Line of the State of Virginia, which said Reg’t. was commanded by Colo. [William] Peachey when the affiant enlisted, but the said Peachey did not join the Regiment under marching orders, but the said Reg’t. was commanded in 1777 by Colo. William Davies (or Davis) who too command of it at Morristown in New Jersey (as affiant believes) – that the said affiant actually served in the said Regiment for two whole years, and was discharged at Valley Forge in February 1778. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], & German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777]. And that he is now in indigent Circumstances, and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me this 27th day May 1819 Wm. Brockenbrough

I do hereby certify that Walter Gregory was a Soldier in a Company commanded by Capt. Rich’d. Clough Anderson in the fifth Virginia Reg’t. commanded by Colo. William Peachey on continental Establishment in the Winter of one thousand seven hundred and seventy six – that he was a Soldier inlisted for two years, and that he served the two years – that after the resignation of [illegible abbreviation] Colo Peachey [7 May 1776] the Reg’t. was commanded by Colo. Charles Scott – after his promotion [1 Apr 1777] by Colo. Josiah Parker, and after he was superseded, by Colo Wm. Davies – and that he was discharged at Valley forge at the expiration of the s’d. two years. I enlisted in Jan’y 1776 as an Ensign in the fifth Virginia Reg’t. on continental Establishment in a Company commanded by Cap. Burgess Ball [sic: Burges Ball] – Given under my hand this 6th day of July 1819

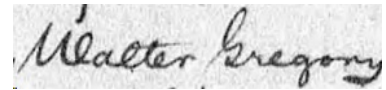
Ro. Beale [Robert Beale]

Virginia: Fourth Judicial Circuit:

Superior Court of Law for Spotsylvania County, Sct.

On this 26 day of May, 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the said County, Walter Gregory, aged sixty four years, resident in Fredericksburg in said County, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: In the 5th Virginia Regiment, Richard Clough Anderson’s company and the first division, commanded by Gen’l. Nath’l. Greene [Nathanael Greene] – original declaration made the 27th day of May, 1819 – and pension certificate numbered 13,015 – and 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 – One mahogany desk, one small walnut dining table, one pine press, 6 chairs, 1 small settee, 6 knives & forks 6 plates, 1 dish, 1 p andirons, 1 pr flat irons, 1 small

iron pot, 1 iron skillet, 1 iron teakettle, 1 water tub & 1 pale & 1 pr shovel & tongs – That I am by trade a tailor, but am incapable of pursuing it, so as to obtain thereby a support, that I have a wife whose name is Alzira aged about 40 years; she is a semstress, but for want of employment is unable to aid in the support of my family.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Gregory". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent initial 'W'.

NOTES:

A letter in the file dated 6 July 1819 states that "Major Beal" happened to be passing through Fredericksburg on his way to his summer residence in Madison County when Gregory took the opportunity of obtaining his certificate.

A note on the pension certificate states that Gregory died on 15 July 1827.