

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Gray S38750

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Schedule

District of South Carolina: In the District Court

On this Tenth day of March 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the said District Henry Gray aged Seventy-five years resident in the City of Charleston in said District who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows as a Lieutenant appointed in 1775 in Captain Mottes [Charles Motte's] company a part of one of the regiments of Foot raised by the State of South Carolina commanded by Colonel William Moultrie: that in that capacity he served some time as a recruiting officer in the Upper part of the said State and afterwards was stationed at one of the guns at Fort Moultrie during the engagement with the British fleet on the 28th day of June 1776.¹ That soon after the said Regiment was transferred to the Continental line, and his commission is dated at Philadelphia, the 7th day of August 1776, appointing him a First Lieutenant in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel William Moultrie, the said Commission being signed by John Hancock President of the Congress, and attested by Charles Thomson Secretary. That he served faithfully in that capacity until the 14th day of December 1777 when he resigned his said commission (the contest having been removed to the Northern States) to his Colonel William Moultrie, as appears by the hand writing of the said William Moultrie endorsed on the said Commission.² He further swears that he has received no pension from the United States, never having before applied for one, and that he hereby relinquishes every pension that may have been allowed to him by the Laws of the United States.

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 other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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: to wit one Sideboard, 2 Tables, chairs, ordinary bedding and clothing: That I have no occupation, nor ability at present to pursue any, being very infirm and nearly blind: that I have a wife and six children four of whom are daughters: my wife is named

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

² the endorsement referred to by the applicant is not contained among the documents in this file hold though the commission is in the file

Ann, and my children following the order of their ages, Sarah, Jane, Frances, Emma, Fergus and Albert. That my wife and daughters keep a small School, not sufficient for our support, and that I have no other means of support whatever.

Sworn to and declared on the 10th day of March 1824 in open Court before me --

S/ Thos. Lee, D. Judge

Signed Henry Gray

[p 6 is his commission signed and endorsed as stated in this declaration.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing March 10th, 1824, for service as a Lieutenant for 17 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]