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Pension Application of Frederick Grass S39607

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State of Virginia

Augusta County, to wit,

On this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord 1822, in open Court, being a Court of record for Augusta County, in which proceedings are had according to the Course of the Common Law, which has unlimited jurisdiction in civil actions in point of amount has the power of fine & imprisonment, & has all its proceedings duly registered personally appeared Frederick Grass aged about sixty six years, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, to whom the pension certificate No. 15299, dated the 9th day of October 1819, was granted, having been solemnly sworn saith that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, & that he hath not since that time by sale, gift, or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled “an act to provide for the relief of certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war, & that he hath not, nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him, nor hath he any other property except what is set forth in the schedule hereto annexed & by him subscribed. He has no family except his wife, who is fifty years old & very infirm, his Occupation has been that of a Waggoner, but from age and infirmity he is unable to follow it.

Schedule of the property of Frederick Grass.

2 Horses, each about 9 or 10 years old. Worth say. . .	\$80.00
1 Cow & Calf.	10.00
1 old walnut square Table.	1.00
2 Iron pots. 1 Oven. 1 Skillet.	3.50
A few plates and dishes.	0.75
1 Tea kettle.	1.00
½ Doz. knives & forks.	0.75
4 plain Windsor chairs. 2 Split bottom Ditto.	2.00
	\$99.00

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

This is to certify that Frederick Grass inlisted the [?]th day of Feb’y. 1777 in the Virginia Continental Inf’y for three years and was discharged the 25th day of June 1783

Given [possibly illegible word] my hand on this [?]th day of September 1783

Ro Breckenridge [Robert Breckenridge] Lieut./ [illegible] Virg’a Reg’t

Virginia Augusta County Sct

On this 26 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen came Frederick Grass before me John Grant Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery appointed to be holden at Staunton and being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty god declares as follows; that in the month of February 1778 being then an inhabitant of Augusta County he enlisted as a private in the Town of Staunton with Capt. Michael Bowyer in the Twelfth Regiment of the Virginia Line on Continental establishment for three years Soon after he was marched to Valley Forge in Pennsylvania where the Army was then quartered The ensuing [illegible word] he was with the American Army in their pursuit

of the British Army into New Jersey and was present at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. He afterwards continued in the Northern Army during the Campaigns of 1778 & 1779. was present at the Assault on Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] and the Capture of Powles Hook [sic: Paulus Hook NJ, 19 Aug 1779]. In the latter part of 1779 he was detached for the Southern Service and arrived in Charles Town about the beginning of April 1780. He continued at that place assisting in the defence until the surrender [12 May 1780] when he was made prisoner. He remained there afterwards a prisoner upwards of a year during which his time expired. He arrived at home in July 1780 having been absent and in service since February 1778. He was regularly discharged by Majr David Stephenson. his discharge is lost. When he entered into the service the 12th Regiment before mentioned was Commanded by Colonel John Nevill who continued in command until the surrender of Charleston. The said Frederick Grass further states that he is in humble circumstances and that he requires the aid of his country for support.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

At the same time and place came also before me Mr Smith Thompson [pension application S38438] witness for the said Frederick Grass, who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty god Deposeth & saith that he was at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania a Soldier in the Army in the Spring of 1778; that he recollects well that Frederick Grass who had made the within declaration came there about that time; though he had not known him in Augusta County he became acquainted with him soon after his arrival. This deponent saw him frequently during the Campaigns of 1778 & 1779 & recollects particularly to have been during the battle of Monmouth in June 1778. He afterwards saw him in a detachment which was sent to the South to the relief of Charleston and saw him after in that place, being in his mess for three months, on duty during the seige. He is very confident that he was captured at the surrender of that place & made prisoner. This deponent also knows very well that the said Grass served as before mentioned in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Col John Nevill. Sworn to & subscribed to before me the day and year above written

[There is also a supporting statement by Vincent Tapp (S41231), but the online image is too poor for transcription.]

NOTE: Grass's first pension application is missing from the federal file, but the statement in the bounty-land file appears to be a copy of it.