

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Gray S39618

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State of Pennsylvania } Sct.
and Count of Allegheny }

The Declaration under oath of Alexander Gray an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the U.S. during the Revolutionary war." Respectfully Sheweth;

That he is a resident citizen of the United States, and now has his actual residence in the City of Pittsburgh, and that from his reduced circumstances, age and disability from wounds he requires the assistance of his country for his support.

That he is an old Soldier of the Revolution and served against the common Enemy during the war.

That he enlisted at York in Pennsylvania some time in the month of May AD 1777 in the company commanded by Capt — Hops [sic: Robert Hopes] of Col. Hartleys [Thomas Hartley's] Reg't. of the Pennsylvania line, & first Brigade commanded by Gen. [Anthony] Wayne

He enlisted for the term of three years unless sooner discharged.

He was afterwards transferred to Capt — Bush [Lewis Bush BLWt210-400] of the same Regiment.

He was engaged in the Battle of Princetown [Princeton, 3 Jan 1777], of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] where he lost his hearing by the discharge of Artillery.

He served in the expedition up the Susquehanna against the Indians, and returned under Gen. [Edward] Hand and rejoined Gen. Wayne's Corps.

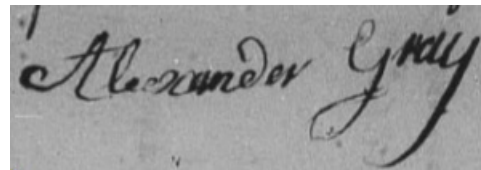
At Little York the Brigade was consolidated and he was put into the 3d Reg't. in the company commanded by Capt. McCulley [George McCulley, pension application W7411]. From thence he marched to the South and was in the service at the capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781].

He was in the detachment which guarded the prisoners to Philadelphia, and after the peace he received an honourable and written or printed discharge at Lancaster.

He was wounded in the knee at the Green Springs [Green Springs Plantation VA, 6 Jul 1781], and in the arm at the Paoli [21 Sep 1777].

During the late war he went to Washington to obtain 4 years pay which is yet due to him from the U.S. His discharge was left with Major Rogers a clerk in the department of war. Mr. Rogers is since dead, and this applicant being too poor to go to Washington is unable to procure his said discharge, or any other testimony of the same.

To the Honourable the Secretary of the Department of War.
[Certified on 29 April 1818 and signed as shown]



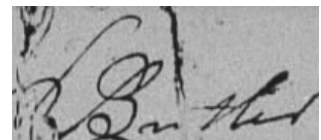
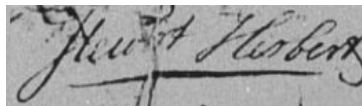
THESE are to CER[TI]FY that the bearer hereof Alexander Gray [Sol]dier in the Third Pennsylvania regiment, having faithfully served the United States f[page torn]years and seven months and being inlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American Army

Given at L[ancaster] 22nd day of September 1783. R Butler Col. 3^d P Reg.

By order of the secretary at war, [illegible]

[several illegible words] regiment

Henry Herbert adjutant



State of Pennsylvania
Allegheny County Ss

Personally came before Thomas Enoch Esqr a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Bartholomew Bratton [pension application S40036] who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that he knew Alexander Gray in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, and that he this deponant served with him the said Alexander Gray under the command of Gen'l Thomson in the year 1776 and under the command of Colonel Hartley of the 4th Reg't Pennsylvania line in the year 1780 Said Alexander Gray was with this deponant on the 8th [sic] day of June at the Battle of Monmouth and also at the capture of Cornwallace
Bartholomew hisXmark Bratton

On this fifth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district Alexander Gray aged seventy four years resident in the city of Pittsburgh 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. viz that he in the year 1776 enlisted at Little York Pennsylvania in Capt Hopp's Company in Col Hartleys afterwards Col Adam Hubley's [BLWt1151-500] afterwards, Coln Richard Butler's regiment Pennsylvania line, that he was in a series of service. that he went out under Gen Sullivan up the susquehannah, & finally that after the peace with Great Britain he was discharged at Lancaster Penna he then being under Capt McCullough in the aforesaid regiment commanded by Col Richard Butler. And that he receives a pension by virtue of a certificate numbered 14.164 dated 13th day September 1819. 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.

viz 1 walking Caine

a small lot of old books say 2 or \$3 Dollars worth

That his occupation was a weaver, but that in consequence of severe wounds in the legs he is unable to work or even to walk without a caine or staff to support him, that he has no family

Alexander Gray

NOTES:

On 24 March 1808 "Alexander Gray of Pitt Township in the County of Allegheny... late a private in the eleventh regiment of the Pennsylvania line" signed a power of attorney to obtain his bounty land.

The file contains an inquiry dated 14 Dec 1836 regarding bounty land written on behalf of a son of Alexander Gray "who has been long since deceased."