

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Graves S8598

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State of North Carolina, Anson County

On this ___ day of October 1832, I Reubin Phillips & James Gordon two of the Acting Justices of the Peace of Anson County & State of North Carolina at the House of Richard Graves he being very infirm was duly sworn by me according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a Private Soldier by Classment [sic] the year 1779 or 1780 but not recollected he resided at that time in the State of South Carolina, Chesterfield District near the North Carolina line but resides now in Anson County, North Carolina & has for many years. He was fifteen years & near two months of age as his Father told him if he recollects right when he was taken into service of the United States & he believes that he will be Sixty seven Years of age the 30th day of December next 1832, he has no register of his age. He was classed with others & called out into service under Capt. Benjamin Hendricks & Maj. Loyd [sic, more likely, Major Robert Lide] & marched to Hadral's Point [sic, Haddrell's Point] near Charleston supposed to be one hundred & eighty miles where he served as Guard one month & ten days when his time of service expired but was marched with others to James Island & was continued in service ten days then discharged he returned home continued two or three days at home he then was called out with others & met at Cheraw Hill then & under Capt. Tristram Thomas was marched to Back Swamp on Savannah River & under Col. Oree [sic, Horry] he continued there a short time then marched to Charleston & on the way had a small fight at Pocatligo [sic, Pocotaligo] with a party of the British, after was the Battle at Stono [June 20, 1779] but was not in it was marched to Charleston & there stationed for some time the year not recollected his time of service expired he was released by another class & was discharged & returned home, continued two or three months then called out with others of his class under Capt. Thomas Ellibye [sic, Thomas Ellerbee] & marched to Charleston & served under Gen. McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] & Gen. Linckhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] commanded the Regular Army at the time the British besieged & took Charleston [Charleston fell to the British on May 12, 1780] & he with the American Army was taken Prisoners of War. He thinks at that time he served three months [p 5] And sixteen days he does not recollect the year but thinks it was in the Spring of the year he was paroled & returned home & continued under parole till exchanged he does not recollect the length of time. He was called out again in the Class under Capt. Thomas Ellibye & several under Gen. Marion [Francis Marion] & marched to Santee River from there near Charleston thence back to Santee River his time of service expired & released by another Class was discharged returned home continued two or three months he then was called with the Class under Capt. Morris Murphy [Maurice Murphy] & served under Gen. Marion & marched to the round Ooe [sic, Round O] to the South of Charleston thence back to Santee River was then relieved by the next Class served one month & ten days which was the length of time the Class served discharged & returned home continued two or three months

then called out under Lieut. Charles Jackson & served under Gen. Marion up & down Santee River one month & ten days relieved by a Class discharged & returned home continued two or three months then called out under Capt. Brochinton [sic, John Brockington] & marched down on Seewee Bay [sic, Sewee Bay] between Georgetown & Charleston from there to Santee River his time of service expired & was relieved by next Class & discharged served one month & ten days returned home after called out to go with others to Guard Charleston he states that he continued serving in the above way to the end of the War.

The above statement is just as far as now recollected his discharges & parole he has lost but can prove his service by Thomas Davis who served with him at the time the British took Charleston & was taken Prisoner & served several tours of duty together. He states Davis resided in the same neighborhood at that time & does yet. He further states that he could also prove his service in part by another man who resided in the same neighborhood then & does yet who served with him on behalf of his country then, turn Tory, he does not like to call on such evidence of service.

He states that he was brought into the service so young & illiterate & served so many calls & marched from place to place that it is impossible for him to recollect all the particulars at this time, month or year & that he has never received any pay for his services.

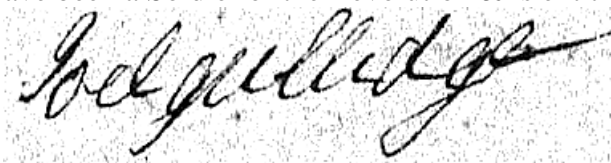
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State, Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Graves, X his mark

S/ Reuben Phillips, JP

S/ J. Gordon, JP

I Joel Gullidge Clergyman do Certify that he resides in the same State County and Neighborhood of Richard Graves the above Applicant & am well Acquainted with him forty-eight years & he has been a respectable Member of the Church for Many Years & Continues so that he believes him to be of the age herein stated. That he is reputed to have been a Soldier of the Revolution & is entitled to Credit.



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And at the same time & place personally appeared before me Reuben Phillips & James Gordon two of the acting Justices of the Peace of the County & State aforesaid Thomas Davis¹ who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth & sayeth that he is well acquainted with Richard Graves the above named applicant that he served with him in the Revolutionary War, & that he was in service with him when Charleston was taken by the British & was taken Prisoner with him & believes him to be a faithful Soldier that the statement set forth by the said Richard Graves in the above Declaration are true so far as my serving with said Graves & that he resided in the same neighborhood at the time & does yet, Sworn to & subscribed day & date aforesaid.

S/ Reuben Phillips, JP

S/ Thomas Davis, X his mark

S/ J. Gordon, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 12 days in the South Carolina militia.]

¹ [Thomas Davis W8655](#)

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Richard Graves pp5
Audited Account No. 3041

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[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 214 Book N dated January 31st, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Richard Graves this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Two pounds Eleven Shillings and five Pence Sterling for 36 Days Duty done in the militia in 1782 as per Account Audited.”]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I do hereby endorse this indent to Benjamin Sharman this 10th Day of December 1785
S/ Richard Graves, X his mark]

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The number behind the ‘pp’ indicates the number of pages in the file and the ‘Audited Account No.’ is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.