

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Graham S8623

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Magistrates who are Judges of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Rowan County now sitting the same being a Court of Record James Graham a resident of said County aged Seventy-four years – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he has no record of his age – that he was born & raised in Rowan County – that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in December 1775 in the company of Captain Samuel Young in said County went to a place called Rayburn's Creek in South Carolina & was out about two weeks. That he again volunteered in Captain Young's Company, marched to Fayetteville in the year 1776 – thinks that it was for a three months tour but is not certain whether he served the whole term. That he again volunteered in Captain Young's Company & marched in what was called the Cherokee expedition under General Rutherford [then Colonel Griffith Rutherford] who was commander in chief at all the above places – that this tour lasted four months.

That he again volunteered in the Company of Captain Samuel Reid in Colonel Alexander's [George Alexander's] Regiment under General Rutherford – this tour lasted three months – during which time he was at Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]¹ near Camden South Carolina.

That he again volunteered in Captain Joseph Graham's Company under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and was at a skirmish on Cowan's Ford on the Catawba where General Davidson was killed in the year 1781 [February 1, 1781],² thinks he served this tour about two months; during this tour he was at a skirmish with the Tories at Holt's race paths [site of the defeat of Dr. John Pyle and his Tories in a fight with Col. Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee]³ near Hillsboro N. C.

That he was pressed as a wagoneer and made a trip to Charleston another trip to Virginia and a third to Fayetteville hauling salt for the Army.

That he was out several times as a soldier for a few days at a time making about one month.

He has no documentary evidence of his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

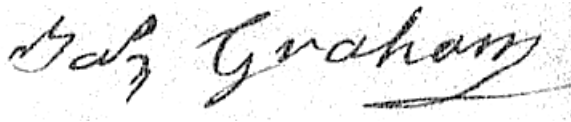
S/ John Giles

S/ Jas Graham

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

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_haw_river.html



[In the “absence of any regular clergyman] James Houston and William Lucky residents of Rowan County gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The foregoing declaration and certificates having been returned by the War department with objections the declarant appeared before Thomas S. Coward and an acting Justice of the peace in and for Rowan County and on oath offers the following explanation and amendment to his declaration. That his first military service as a private soldier in the militia was in Captain Young's Company in the year 1775 when he was dismissed after 13 days.

That his second tour of service was in the spring of the year 1776 in the same capacity – this tour lasted two months.

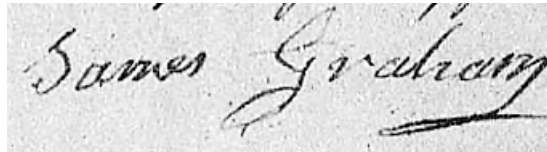
That his third term of military service was as a private soldier in the Cherokee expedition for four months in the summer of 1776.

That in the summer of 1780, he was a volunteer private in Captain Reid's company and served three months and was at Gates defeat near Camden S. C.

That in the year 1781 he was a volunteer private in Captain Joseph Graham's company and served two months, that his services as a minute man was at least one month. That the only regular clergyman acquainted with him died some short time before making this declaration and he was unable to procure the certificate of a clergyman.

Sworn to and subscribed before me May 1 in the year 1833.

S/ James Graham



S/ Thos. L. Cowan, JP

[Facts in file: Applicant died February 9, 1834: the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months and 13 days in the North Carolina militia.]