

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Morten (Morton, Moulton) Gray <sup>1</sup> W10066  
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At the November Term of the County Court for the County of Jackson in the Territory of Florida begun and held at Marianna on the twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord 1837, was present the Honorable Richard H. Long Judge of said Court In open Court personally appeared Morton Gray, who being duly sworn says and declares as follows: That he resides near Marianna, in the County of Jackson and Territory of Florida, that he is seventy-one years of age, and that he applies for the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: That in the year 1780, or 81, he entered the service of his Country, as a substitute for a man by the name of William Gorrin, as the declarant believes, in a Company Commanded by Captain Hicks [William Hicks], the Regiment by Colonel Taylor [Joseph Taylor], the number of the Regiment not recollected, the Brigade commanded by General Butler [John Butler] and remained in said Company until just before the battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781],<sup>2</sup> when the Company was divided, and he fell into a company commanded by Captain Hodges [George Hodge] in the same Regiment & Brigade, and under the same field & General officers, that he served under said Officers three months as a private, that he was in the battle at Guilford Court House, from which place he was marched to Ramsey's Mills in Chatham County, where he enlisted in the Army of the United States for the Term of twelve months in the year he thinks 1781, under Lieutenant Campbell then joined the Battalion under Major Pink Eaton [Pinketham Eaton], in the Main Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], the name of the Colonel of the Regiment he does not recollect; he was then marched to Camden South Carolina, and was in the skirmish between General Greene & Lord Rawdon [Battle of Hobkirk Hill Hill, April 25, 1781],<sup>3</sup> he was then detached from the Main Army, and with others sent to Fort Motte under the command of Major Eaton, and was at the taking of said Fort [May 7, 1781].<sup>4</sup> From that place we marched to Augusta, and the State of Georgia, when Brown [Thomas "Burnt Foot" Brown] and Grayson [James Grierson] were besieged [Siege of Augusta, May 22-June 16, 1781]; Major Eaton our commander was here killed; and both Forts after thirty-two days siege, were taken, Captain Smith [Robert Smith] for a part of the time Commanded the Company to which he belonged; and under Lieutenant Campbell and Captain Smith, in Major Eaton's Battalion he served five months as a private: Here, with others he was detached, and left to take care of the sick & wounded: He was here furloughed by a Captain Walker, to return home, and not being again called upon to perform the remainder of his Term of service:

In the year 1781, in the County of Washington in the State of North Carolina, as a substitute for John Black, he joined the Troops, then raising to go against the Cherokee Indians, and continued in that

<sup>1</sup> BLWt19542-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hobkirks\\_hill.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_fort\\_motte.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fort_motte.html)

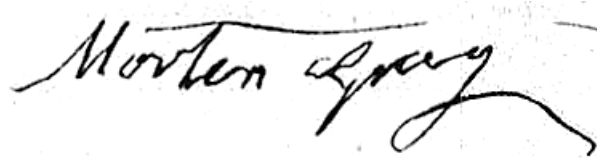
service eight months, as a private, under the command of Captains Stinson [James Stinson] and Williams [Samuel Williams], and Colonels Sevier [John Sevier] & Robinson [Charles Robertson], that his discharge from said service has been lost or worn out. The declarant relinquishes every other claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That the length of time that has elapsed since the time of his service, and his loss of all recollection of the persons who served with him, who may now be alive, rendered him unable to find any living witnesses by whom he can prove his service, that he would allow for not having renewed his application sooner, by the fact of his having been diligently engaged in a search for such evidence, that he has traveled to Tennessee at great expense and loss of time, and such search, but has not been able to find any evidence other than that which is annexed to this application.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open court this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November A.D. 1837.

S/ Rich H. Long, Judge

S/ Morten Gray



[Green Malone, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Jacob Robinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 84: Note: The top portion of the following document was cut off on the version posted on Fold3.com. It is visible on the Ancestry.com version.]

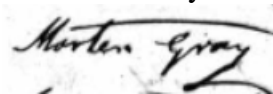
State of Tennessee Warren County

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1837. This day Morten Gray personally appeared before me Jesse Locke Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County and after being duly sworn, Says that he served a tower [tour] of duty as a private in the year 1782 as well as he recollects against the Cherokee Indians under the following officers, to wit, James Stinson Captain, Jonathan Tipton Major, Charles Robertson Lieutenant Colonel, John Sevier, Colonel Commandant in the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the Campaign. Secondly Samuel Williams Captain & the higher officers the same as above named.

S/ J. Locke, Clk

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day & date

S/ Morten Gray



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Raleigh 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1838

Sir

Your favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant was received this evening. I have made careful search of the musterrolls and other documents in my Office affording evidence of service in the revolutionary war for the name of Morten Gray, but do not find it. I believe P. Eaton was an officer of Cavalry of which no rolls are in my office.

Very respectfully

S/ Wm Hill [Secretary of State for the state of North Carolina]

[p 31: NC Comptroller's Certificate]

State of Maryland  
Comptroller's Department  
I Geo. W. Brooks Comptroller Public ac-  
counts in and for the State of said  
do hereby certify that it appears of  
record in my office among the  
payments to Sunday Soldiers for military  
service in the Revolutionary War as  
follows, to wit:  
Morton Gray  
Indent No. 1065 - \$1. 11. 6 Sped, Washington  
& Sullivan Counties June 17 1813.

In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto subscribed my name  
and affixed the seal of said  
office at Raleigh on this  
the 26<sup>th</sup> day July 1856  
Geo. W. Brooks  
Comptroller

[p 10: On April 17, 1855 in Bradley County, Tennessee, Morton Gray, aged about 90, applied for a duplicate pension certificate saying that he is the holder of pension certificate No. 31316 which he has lost or destroyed.]

[p 14: On March 2, 1857, Ann Gray, 47, filed in Bradley County, Tennessee filed for the benefits due her under the Act of Congress of Feb. 3, 1853 stating that she is the widow of Morton Gray; that she married him in Bradley County Tennessee on February 20, 1841; that he died January 17 1857; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: The widow is referred to as "Anna Gray"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount until July 27, 1868 at which time her pension was increased to \$96 per annum