

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Graves W1418

Marley P. Graves

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State of Kentucky Russell County Sct

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Russell afs'd. the said Court being in session and being a court of record Thomas Graves a resident of said County of Russell and state of Kentucky afs'd age 69 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he Volunteered in the army of the united states under Captain John Philips [John Phillips] in the year 1780 belonging to the brigade of General Mathews [probably Sampson Mathews] under whom he served a tour of something about two months at the end of this tower under Capt John Philips I was enroled under Captain Charles Yancey [probably St. Charles Yancey] in the line of General Delefoyett [sic: Marquis de Lafayette]. I entered in to the service in the first outset in the month of April in the year 1780 afs'd and was transferred after a sevice under Captain Yancy which was about two months to a third Captain whose name I now do not recollect in June 1781. the officers who occupied the field I think Weeden [sic: George Weedon] was at one time General and Major Boice [sic: William Boyce] one who I well recollect being intimate with him while in service In June 1781 I was by Order of General George Washington one of the four young men appointed to carrey the expresses the other three young mens names was John Jones James Martin and Laurence Young. Jones and Martin rode towards the South Young and myself towards the North. from General Washingtons markee [marquee: tent] at little York in Virginia to Fredericksburg Spottsvania County Via [sic: Spotsylvania County VA] Young and myself was also stationed at Thomas Averages in King William (Cty Via). I rode there from Averages to Washingtons Marquee and Young from Averages to Hanover on orders was to Equip ourselves and pay our own expences for which we was to rank as Majors and receive Majors pay agreeable to our understanding but I never received one cent owing to the depreciatd currency which was the Contintell [sic: Continental] Money we served Young and myself as express carriers as above setforth untill the peace was made I will state further that at the time General Washington took us out of the Army by express to carry the expresses we was to equip ourselves and to be faithfull to our parts[?] for and during the war which we did and for which we was to receive as majors reward for our services I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state Where and in what year were you bornd Answer I held a certificate in my hand that my father gave me which stated that I was born in Louisa County Virginia on Permunky [sic: Pamunkey] river in one & a half miles of Brocks Bridge [on North Anna River near Monrovia] (where our army the one in which I was in crossed with Leafeatt at the head [sic: Lafayette, June 1781] (in the year 1763 in the month of October)

Where were you living when called into service. Answer with my father at the place above named. Where have you lived since the close of the war Answer. I moved to Kentucky in the year 1783 in October and settle within 8 miles of Lexington & there lived 18 years. I then moved to Cumberland County Ky on Cumberland river where I have lived ever since untill I was stricken of into Russell County when formed

How were you called into service. were you drafted, did you voluntier or were you a substitute, if a substitute for whom

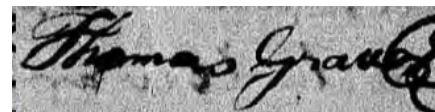
Answer I did volunteer in the first tower and then was drafted for and during the war and enroled at home under Capt Huse [sic: Hughes]

did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer I never applied for any discharge thinking at that time that it was not worth while owing to the

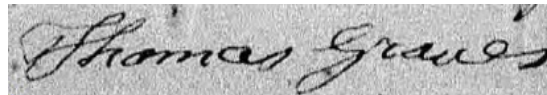
depreciated currency and the war being closed and ended.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Malitia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services
Answer when I first volunteerd under Capt Philips we march on to Louisa courtho[use] thence on down to the Mabbins hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] there he joined the main Army there we lay ab[out] ten or fifteen days in which time a few of the brittish within eight or ten miles of us landed I was then detached to some Company the office I do not recollect and taken on down to meet the British When we met them he had a smart battle in which we killed and taken all of them except about 17 in number then we joined the main army again with Le defeyett at our head then marched to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] crossing the raccoon ford on the Rappedan [sic: Rapidan] river there he stayed a few days then we marched to Brocks Bridge and crossed the same on our way to head Tarlton and his army [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] who had drove the general assembly from Richmond to Sharlettsville [sic: Charlottesville, late May 1781]. Tarlton having turn'd his course back towards Richmond Va we marchd on up within about 18 miles of Louisa Courthouse where we turned our course on towards Richmond and marched to Richmond when we arrived there the British just had crossed the river to Manchester there I was detached to another Company which was commanded by Capt Yancy Several other routes of Winding[?] about at many other points untill I was taken out as an express rider where I served untill peace was made I was at the surrender of Carnwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] and saw the same with my own eye the names of the officers as well as I recollect which was with us in our routes was M. Dele feyatte General Weeden Capt Yancy Capt Boice Major Boice Capt Philips General Mathews these are all I at present recollect and that my whole service was something
State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behaviour your services as a soldier of the revolution
Answer Nathan Moore Jesse Blankinship William Boyed. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



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On this 1st day of May 1833 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said county Thomas Graves of said county, who being duly sworn by me according to law stated, that, there was no living witness by whom he could prove his services, as a soldier, or as an express known to him; these services, as a soldier were rendered by him, in the Army of the United States, during the American Revolution. There may possibly be witnesses living by whom, his services aforesaid could be proven, but if there are such persons now living he is unapprized who they are.



NOTES: On 24 May 1853 Marley P. Graves, about 50, of Cumberland County, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Graves on 19 Oct 1842, and he died in May 1847 in Cumberland County. On an application for bounty land dated 18 April 1855 it was stated that she was 57 and that her maiden name was Walthall. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 18 Oct 1842 by Thomas Graves and Vincent Taylor for the marriage of Graves to Marley P. Walthall.