

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gregory W19539

Margaret Gregory

f43NC

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this holy first day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said Court now sitting William Gregory a resident of said County aged seventy-five 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated –

That he was drafted by Colonel Moore [William Moore] in the year 1774 and in the month of August that he was marched under Colonel Moore Captain Forker [James Farquhar] against the Indians on Silver Creek in Burke County & State above mentioned that he Served near three months that being the time for which he was drafted when he returned to Orange County North Carolina where he was drafted and marched from – he has lost his discharge –

That after the declaration of Independence he was again drafted about the last day of August or first day of September 1780 by Captain Forker at Hillsboro, Orange County in said State for three months that he marched from Hillsboro under General Butler [John Butler] Colonel Moore and Captain Forker in pursuit of the British on the Broad River, that when he arrived at Salisbury NC he was detached from under the command of General Butler and put under Colonel Campbell & Major Armstrong which Officers marched him with 400 more to the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River] against the Tories who had collected there, that he was not immediately in the battle [Battle of shallow Ford, October 14, 1780]<sup>1</sup> but was nearby – that after the battle he was marched back to Salisbury, that from Salisbury he marched under said Captain to near Charlotte where he joined General Davidson [William Lee Davidson], that he was there made one of the Guard that took the prisoners on to Salisbury that were taken at Camden, that at Salisbury he left the prisoners & returned to Hillsborough where he received his discharge after serving out his time a copy of his discharge is annexed marked A--

That he was again drafted he thinks about the ~~last of June or first of July~~ at Hillsboro the succeeding year, for three months by Captain Hargis [Shadrach Hargis] for a guard to Governor Burke [Thomas Burke], that he served his term out at Hillsboro as a guard to said Governor Burke – when he was again discharged – and returned home his discharge is lost – that in all the time he was in the service amounts to nine months including of the term he was against the Indians.

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 or if any only a State

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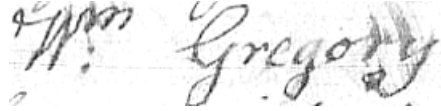
<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_shallow\\_ford.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_shallow_ford.html)

of the Agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S/ Wm Gregory

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Gregory". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Hartwell Spain, a clergyman, and Richard Hanks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This is to certify that William Gregory has served his tour in the Militia. Given under my hand.  
November 29<sup>th</sup> AD 1780

S/ James Forker, Captain

[Note: The above discharge is clearly a copy and not an original.]

#### Questions by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born?

A: In Virginia in the year 1757

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: I have at Home

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: In Orange County North Carolina when I entered the service since the revolution I have lived in this County & State

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A: I was drafted

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: I knew General Davidson Colonel Washington [William Washington], Colonel Davies [?, William Richardson Davies], I knew Colonel Washington's Lyth Horse [light horse], circumstances are in the declaration

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: I received a discharge in each time I was drafted – but only have one a copy of which is above, given by Captain Forker one of his discharges is lost, the other by Captain Hargis is lost

7<sup>th</sup> 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 their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A: Those that are stated above and Isaac Holland, JP &c

[p 8: On June 4, 1845 in Lincoln County North Carolina Margaret Gregory, 87, made application for a widow's pension stating that she was the widow of William Gregory, a US pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum for his revolutionary services; that she married him the first of January 1779 and that he died July 10 or 11, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

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Family record

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Personally appeared before me A. B. Cox a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Margaret E. D. Kincaid and made oath in due form of law and saith that the above attached records is the family record of William and Margaret Gregory, the ages of their Children annexed below their own ages, to wit Sally Thomson and Johnson Gregory's &c. which records is the genuine Record, and in the handwriting of William Gregory and that it has been in the possession of Margaret Gregory ever since the Death of said William Gregory. Sworn to and subscribed this 4 day of June 1845 before  
S/ A. B. Cox, JP                      S/ Margaret. E. D. Kincaid [could be Margaret C. D. Kincaid]

*Margaret E. D. Kincaid*

[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.]