

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Graves W3014 Lydia Graves VA
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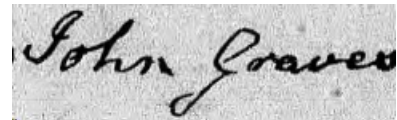
State of Kentucky } SS.
County of Fayette }

On this 1st day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before Charlton Hunt Esq'r. Mayor of the city of Lexington John Graves a resident of said county, 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.

He was born in Louisa county Virginia in the year 1757 in December; that he has a copy of the original record of his age, taken from the one which his father kept. He resided first in Spottsylvania [sic: Spottsylvania] area then in Orange County Va. when he entered the service. When the war was over he removed to Kentucky where he has resided for the last forty three or four years. His first tour he served as a volunteer, his two last as a draft. He received discharges but has long since lost them.

He first entered in the service as a volunteer in Capt. John Craigs company, from Spottsylvania county, in 1776, and marched to Williamsburg, where it remained and in its vicinity during that tour. He presumes that the tour was two months as he served it out, although he is not positive that it was not longer. His next service was a similar tour in the company of Capt Lindsay, from Orange County when Lord Cornwallis was marching from the South, and Gen'l Lafayette commanded in Virginia, and during the retreat of the latter [late May and early June 1781]. His tour expired and he was drafted and marched under Capt [blank] to the seige of York where he served until the surrender [19 Oct 1781], when he aided in guarding the prisoners up to Winchester, where he was discharged & returned home. He served in all six months or more in his three tours. He was occasionally under command of several field officers. Major Duvall [sic: Samuel Duval] commanded the detachment in which he marched to James river where he aided in unloading several vessels containing military stores which were intended for the siege. He saw & knew several officers in the regulars & militia. He saw Gen. Washington, Col. Nicholas, Gen. Lafayette, Col. [Beverley] Winslow of the militia, and many others whom he has forgotten. He was in no battles, nor wounded. He has no documentary evidence, nor the evidence of any living witness to prove his services, except that of James Graves his brother, which is hereto annexed. He refers to Daniel Bradford, Capt Jno Fowler, James Devers, Gen. Rob. S. Russell & Thos. A Russell to testify as to his credibility. 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, or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.



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Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for said county, James Graves of credible character, who made oath, that he knew of John Graves who now applies for a pension from the general government under the act of 7th June 1832, having served as a volunteer in Capt Craigs company which marched to Williamsburg in the year 1776 as he beleives. He also beleives from information which he relies on that said John Graves served in the Virginia militia at the Capture of Lord Cornwallis; said deponent was himself at that siege, but was in a different part of the army, and did not see him, said John. He has always understood from said John that he served one other tour during the war. Given under my hand this 8th August 1832

NOTE: On 27 March 1844 Lydia Graves, aged 74 on the previous 2 October, applied for a pension stating that she married John Graves on 23 Dec 1784, and he died on 31 Oct 1843. The file contains the family record kept by John Graves as certified by his son, John Graves, Jr. and transcribed below. On an application for bounty land dated 28 March 1855 Lydia Graves was living in Scott County KY and stated that she was married to John Graves in Spotsylvania County. Her application was certified by Jefferson Graves and Albert West and by Benjamin F. Graves and Fanny C. Hansbro. On 15 June 1855 Lydia Graves appointed Benjamin F. Graves her attorney to obtain the land warrant.

John Graves was Born December the 18 1757

Lydia Graves was born october The 2 1769

John Graves and Lydia was married December the 23 1784

Nancey was born august the 5 1786

Betsey was born april the 23 1789

Salley was Born october the 11 1790

William was Born April the 27 1792

Asa was Born november the 7 year 1793

Zachariah Graves was Born July the 11 Day 1795

John Graves Was Born April the 22 year 1798

Nicholess Graves was Born July the 11 Day 1799

Lyseay Graves was Born December the 11 Day [year illegible]

Polly Graves was Born May the 8 Day 1801

Jefferson Graves was Born August the 6th 1803