

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Gray W3981

Nancy Gray

A87NC

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1846 Personally appeared before me R. L. DeArmon [?] a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Nancy Gray a resident of North Carolina Mecklenburg County aged 80 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 Entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows. That she is the widow of Captain Thomas Gray who was a Captain in the North Carolina \_\_ militia in the war of the Revolution and as such served the United States against the Common Enemy But was not Inscribed on the pension [list] owen [owning ?] to his death taking place before the passage of the Act. She further declares that the time he went in service and the Regiment that he served in and the length of the Towers [sic, Tours] that he served she is not able to state But she is satisfied that he served not less than Eight towers as a Captain But from the ...[elapse?] of time and infirmities of old age and the loss of memory that length [?] of the Tours nor the time he left the Service, she is not able to give. But she is satisfied that he ... did not serve less than Eight Tours as a Captain 4 years She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid Thomas Gray some time in the year of 1793, and that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Gray died on the second day of July 1810--but that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 Viz at the time above stated.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ R. L. DeArmon, JP [?]

S/ Nancy Gray, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Personally appeared before me R. L. DeArmon the Justice of the peace before whom the foregoing Declaration [was] made and after being sworn doth make an affidavit and says that she has no record nor knows of no record that gives the date of the marriage nor the age of children.

Sworn to and subscribed before me April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1846

S/ Nancy Gray, X her mark

S/ R. L. DeArmon, JP

[p 8: Wake County, NC, marriage bond given by Thomas Gray and William Gray, bondsmen, undated and bride not named; amount of bond \$500; given to Richard Dobbs Speight [who was Governor of NC in 1792]

[p 10: On Nov. 24, 1851, Ransom Gray, 51, filed in Mecklenburg County, NC for the money due his mother, Nancy Gray, at the time of her death on July 11, 1851; he states her maiden name was Nancy

Spain; that his parents were married in Wake County, NC in 1793 or before; that he is her only surviving heir.

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[p 13]

State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County

Personally appeared before me John M. Black a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Broder Gray a resident of North Carolina and made oath in due form of law and saith on oath that he the said Broder Gray and Captain Thomas Gray was Brothers and that he the said Broder Gray well recollects the said Thomas Gray going in the war of the revolution from Wake County North Carolina and that he well remembers that the said Thomas Gray returned home out of the Camps with his leg very Badly scalded that his messmates spilt boiling war on him and he the said Thomas Gray was obliged to come home and recover at home two or three weeks and then he the said Thomas Gray returned again to his Army he further states that at the time of his Brother Thomas Gray was at home was the very time of the Battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781], he further states that his Brother was a Captain in the Horse Company and that he remained in service till the close of the war. Sworn to and subscribed before me April 27<sup>th</sup> 1846.

S/ J. M. Black, JP

S/ B. Gray



[pp 84-86: On April 13, 1852 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina Amelia Dearmond, 69, gave testimony that she is the sister of Nancy Gray, widow of Thomas Gray; that affiant always understood they were married in Wake County in the 1793 although affiant was not present at their wedding; that Nancy ran away from her father's house to get married; that her sister and Thomas Gray were married by Samuel High, JP; that Thomas Gray was killed by a horse in 1810 in the month of July; that Ransom A Gray was a child of Thomas and Nancy Gray. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 3: Family record]

Ransom A. Gray was born May 10<sup>th</sup> 1804 [?]

Beaty Gray was born October 8<sup>th</sup> 1806 [?]

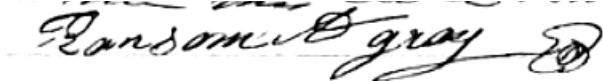
Hyrum B. Gray was born July 12<sup>th</sup> 1827 [could be 1829]

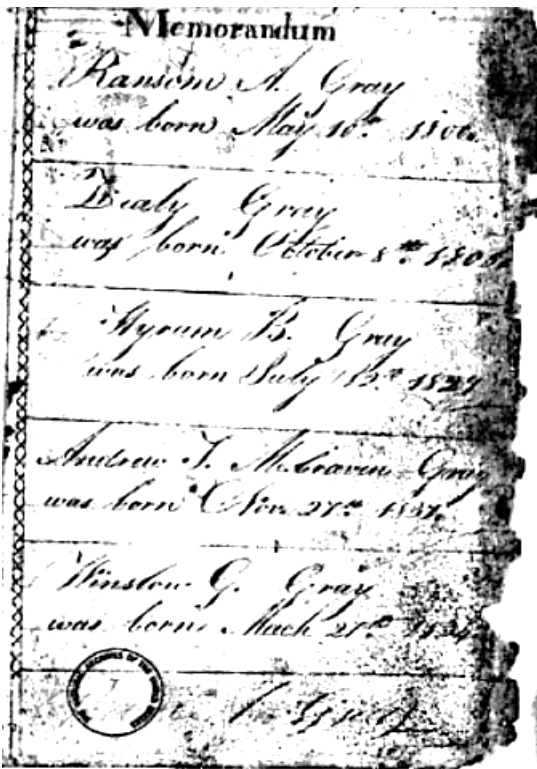
Andrew T McCravin Gray was born November 27<sup>th</sup> 1837

Winslow G Gray was born March 21<sup>st</sup> 1834

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¹ A better image of his signature as "Ransom A. Gray" appears in Ancestry.com image 620 or 1056 as follows:



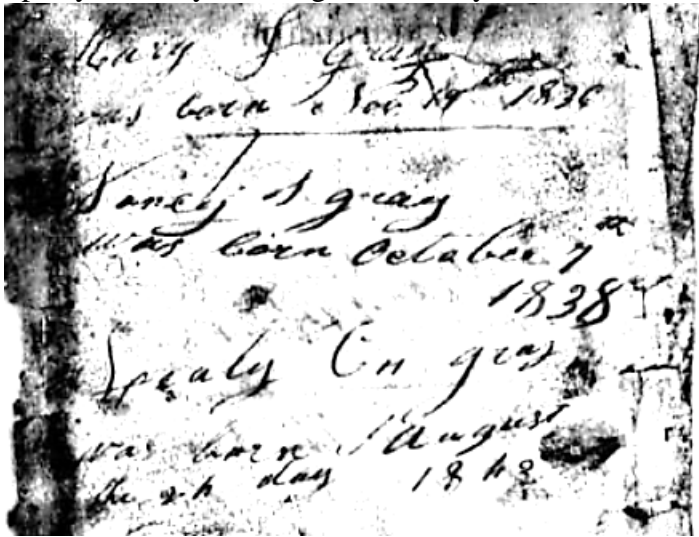


[p 4: family record continued]

Mary F. Gray was born Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1830

Nancy T. Gray was born October 7<sup>th</sup> 1838

Spealy Cn Gray was August the ? day 1843



[p 17: On July 2, 1846 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Sarah Gray [Sarllly Gray] gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Thomas and Nancy Gray; that they were married in 1793 sometime prior to the affiant's marriage which took place in February 1794.

Sarllly Gray ]

[p 31: NC Comptroller's Certificate]

State of North Carolina  
Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of public accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Thomas Grey  
 Indent or Army Certificate No. 678 July 10th 1781 \$110 specie  
 ditto " " " " " " \$78 1/2 "  
 ditto " " " " " " \$506 1/2 "  
 ditto " " " " " " \$208 1/2 "  
 ditto " " " " " " \$148 "  
 ditto " " " " " " \$28 1/4 "  
 ditto " " " " " " \$68 1/4 "  
 ditto " " " " " " \$35 "  
 W. L. C acct 11/15 \$35 specie  
 Book P. No. 2 page 24 \$1500 specie  
 " " " " " " 34 \$30 "

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 19th day of April A. D. 1852  
 Wm. J. Clarke Compt.

State of North Carolina  
Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of public accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit:

Thomas Grey  
 Book No. 12 page 57 \$54 specie  
 " " " " " " 68 \$21 "

The foregoing payments are in addition to those heretofore by me certified, having been discovered in a book which was <sup>not</sup> indexed, and which was accidentally overlooked.  
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 9th day of September A. D. 1852

Wm. J. Clarke Compt.

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1847 personally appeared before me, Thomas Barnet and after being first qualified according to law deposed and saith on oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas Gray whose widow Nancy Gray has made application for a pension which induces [?] her upon the account of the services of her husband rendered in the war of the Revolution this deponent further saith that he heard George Thomasson who was a soldier of the revolution say that he served one tower under said Thomas Gray in the war, and that the said Gray was recognized and believed by his neighbors to have been in said war to the truth whereof I have not heard it disputed.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and date 1<sup>st</sup> above written before me

S/ David T Thomason, JP

S/ Thomas Barnet, X his mark

[Ancestry.com image 595 of 1056]

State of North Carolina Chatham County

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1846 personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Moses Upchurch and made oath in due form of law and saith that he became well acquainted with Captain Thomas Gray in the Army in the Revolutionary War whose widow Nancy has made application for a pension. This deponent further saith that he himself and Captain Thomas Gray both served considerable length of time in the same Army under Colonel Austin and General J. Sumner [Jethro Sumner] that he well recollects that said Gray served as Captain of a light horse Company or Cavalry and this deponent further saith that they were both in 1 army 6 months or upwards. Sworn to this day and date 1<sup>st</sup> above written before me.

S/ S. Upchurch, JP

S/ Moses Upchurch,<sup>2</sup> X his mark

[Facts in file: The widow died July 11, 1851 survived only by her son Ransom Gray.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$412.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 for her husband service as a Captain in the Cavalry. She was initially pensioned at the rate of \$150 per annum.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Moses Upchurch S7776](#)