

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Gray W7573 Elizabeth Gray VA
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State of Tennessee }
Williamson County }

On this 11 day of October 1832 personally appeared before me George Shannon a Justice of the peace and of county court, of pleas and quarter sessions of Williamson County, out of court, James Gray a resident of said county and state aged 74 years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of an act of congress 7th June 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

I was born in Halifax county Virginia where I lived when I served my first tour which was three months. I was drafted into Capt Roger's company. I do not recollect the time, but know it was very cold weather we were marched from Halifax to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] – from thence to Portsmouth, where I staid with the troops until I was discharged signed by Capt Rogers. I do not recollect any other officer that was out with the troops with whom I served

I entered into my second tour in the year 1779 the month I do not recollect into Col Roger's (who had been promoted from Captain) regiment I do not recollect my Captain's name but recollect my Lieutenant was Yearly. We were marched from Halifax virginia to Salisbury [NC] where after staying some time we were marched on towards Charleston where the British had gone In about 12 or 14 miles of Charleston at Stone Ferry we had a Skirmish with the British [sic: Battle of Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779] who defeated us and we retreated and shortly after returned home and I got a discharge. This second tour I think was a six month Tour. and expect I entered in February or March and was discharged in July or August.

In my third tour I entered into capt Fleming Bates' Company and I think in the month of July or August and in the year 1781. We marched from Halifax to little york where we staid until after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. From thence we marched to Fredrickburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] where I was discharged signed by Flem Bates Capt. Wood Jones Maj. Com't 2nd reg't. october 31st 1781. This was a three month Tour and my last one. I was drafted every one of my tours and the discharge of my last tour is now in my possession which I here annex marked (A)

I was born in 1758 in Halifax Virginia where I lived till 1810 when I left that country Virginia and settled in Powels valley [sic: Powell Valley] – from thence I moved to Indiana. From thence I came to this country Williamson county where I now live and have been living ever since and now live

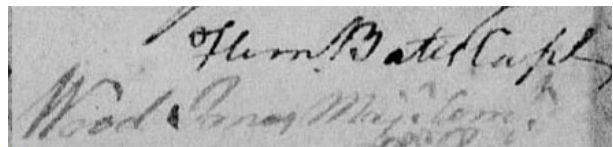
He has no record of his age but thinks he is 74 years of age. He has often heard his parent tell him that he was born in 1758

He knows of no person in this country who can prove his services He has no documentary evidence of his service except the one discharge signed by Capt Bates

He names Augusta Holland Peter Pinkston Thomas P Kersey, George Barnes Esq'r and John Chadwell who can testify to my character as a revolutionary soldier and their belief as to my services. He I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

James hisXmark Gray

Octob'r the 31 1781 Camp Near Fredricksburg the Barer hereof James Gray being unfit for Duty is hereby Discharg'd Flem Bates Capt
Wood Jones Maj'r Com'd of Reg't.



NOTES:

On 4 Nov 1842 Elizabeth Gray, 82, applied for a pension stating that she was raised in Halifax County VA and married James Gray in Caswell County NC in the fall of 1781 (later corrected to 1780), and that he died on 5 Nov 1832. On 7 Nov 1842 Henry Gray, 70, stated that he remembered when James Gray and Elizabeth went about two miles from where she was raised to get married, and that he lived in their house at the time James Gray was in service during the surrender of Cornwallis.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Caswell County on 29 Nov 1780 by James Gray and Wolsey Pride for the marriage of Gray to Elizabeth Stokes.

On 8 May 1855 at age 95 Elizabeth Gray applied for bounty land for the services of James Gray in the War of 1812, stating that she married James Gray in Nov 1780.

A document in the file states that Elizabeth Gray received a pension up to 15 April 1878, when she was dropped because of her death, presumably at a much earlier time.