

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Gray W7574

Rachel Gray

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State of Tennessee, Bedford County: Nov. Term 1832

This the 6 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Bedford now sitting Samuel Gray a resident of the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee who aged about 81 years of age 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 7th 1832.

I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for the term of six months under Captain Jesse Walton some time in the month of November 1776 [could be 1778] as well as now recollected; in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina; soon after my enlistment we were ordered to the frontiers to guard the Settlements against the Cherokees – Captain Walton's Company was marched into the Cherokee Nation, or the most of them myself with a few of those was attached to Captain Joseph Herndon's Company of Rangers or Spies who were on constant duty in guarding the frontier settlements of Wilkes and Burke County on the Adkin River[sic, Yadkin River], after my time of service had expired we were permitted to return home from this Term of Service I received no written discharges.

My next Term of Service was in the year ___ as well as I now recollect I was drafted for three months and was attached to Captain Richard Allen's Company who was attached to Col. Cleveland's [Benjamin Cleveland] Regiment and were ordered to take up the line of march for Kings Mountain; we were joined at the Pleasant Gardens on our route to Kings Mountain by the Command of Colonel Campbell [William Campbell], from the head of Holston [River] from which place we marched direct to meet Colonel Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson]; my company was in the engagement, but I was on the morning of the engagement [October 7, 1780]¹ detained with a few others on duty at Camp and did not join my Company until after the engagement was ended – from this place we were ordered to guard the prisoners that was taken at the Battle of Kings Mountain we took them to Salem or the Moravian Town where I remained as a guard until the expiration of my term of service where I was discharged.

Soon after my return we were ordered to join General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] for a Term of thirty days, under Captain Biverly [John Beverly], we joined the Commanding General near Salisbury at the mouth of little Rocky River, we remained here on duty until the expiration of our term of Service when we were permitted to return to our homes in Wilkes County.

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

Some time in the summer of the year 1778 or 79 as well as now recollected, I was drafted for a Term of three months. I was attached to Captain Joel Lewis's company who was attached to the Command of Major Hartgroves [Francis Hargrove] who marched us through Salem on to Cross Creek where we remained in that Section of the County, guarding against the Tories who were extremely troublesome this season in that Section of the State and in the edge of South Carolina. I was discharged at the end of my Term of Service and He received a written discharge for this Term of Service from Major Hartgroves which is lost or mislaid so that I cannot have now the benefit of it.

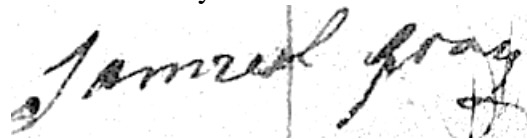
Some time after I volunteered under Captain Richard Allen who was Commanded by Colonel Cleveland. They marched to New River against some Tories and horse thieves, under the Command of a certain Captain Cojls [sic, William Koyle, also spelled William Coyle], we drove him out of that part of the County; he was soon afterwards taken by our party and hung – this expedition lasted about 10 or 15 days – I was on duty one or two other short trips but the time or particular service I cannot now recollect the whole term of service which I can distinctly recollect was upwards of 12 months.

I know of no regular officer except those mentioned and I am now unable to say that they were, I mean I was at different times under Colonel Cleveland, Campbell, Major Hartgroves and General Rutherford, I have no written discharges of my services. My brother John Gray² and old Captain Smithis [?] of Franklin County, they give their certificates as to my Service, my brother testified to all my Service having been with me, and Smithis to one or two campaigns.³

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State or territory.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Gray



[Joel Darnall and John B Pinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On October 6, 1845 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Rachel Gray, 86 [could be 85] made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Gray; that she married him August 19, 1773; that her husband died March 23, 1837; that she was married to him prior to his entering the service. She signed her application with her mark. In this document her name was spelled Rhacheal Gray.]

[p 12: On February 9, 1846, Austin Gray gave testimony in Lincoln County Tennessee that he is the son of Samuel and Rachel Gray; that his father was a revolutionary war pensioner; that his father died March 23, 1837; that from the family record kept by his father in his father's handwriting, he, the affiant, was born February 10, 1788; that he, affiant, has four sisters now living all of whom are older than affiant, they being Mary Gray born September 19, 1774; Margery Gray born December 12th, 1776, Elizabeth Gray was born December 24, 1779 and Frances Gray was born September 5, 1782.

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[John Gray S3409](#)

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These certificates or affidavits are not included among the documents in this file.

Samuel Gray]

[p : Comptroller's Certificate]

Raleigh N C
Compt Office
I William G. Collier Compt of Public Accounts
in and for the State of North Carolina do
hereby certify that the Name of Samuel
Gray appears of record in this office
as having a special certificate issued
in his favor (for Military Services) for One
Hundred and Sixty Pounds Seven Shillings
and three pence as will appear in Book
No 28 page 48. Book of Settlements of the
Army Accounts by the Commissioners
at Halifax and Warrenton. given
under my hand and seal this 19
day February 1846
Wm Collier Compt

[Samuel Gray was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]