

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Graves W7580

Mary Ann Graves

VA

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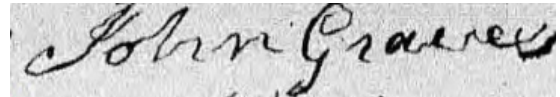
State of Virginia, County of Caroline. To wit

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the court of the County aforesaid, John Graves a resident of the United States, in the county of Caroline and State of Virginia, aged seventy nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the Untied States on the 13th day of february in the year 1776 with Ensign Henry Waring and served in the 7th Va regiment of the Continental line, under the following named officers Capt John Webb, Henry Young 1st Lieutenant, Griffin Fauntleroy 2nd Lt, ensign Henry Waring. Col Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield] commanded the 7th regt when the sd Graves entered the service, but in a short time thereafter, Col. McClanaham [sic: Alexander McClenachan] who had been Lt Col in the same regt, took command thereof. William Nelson was major in the 7 regt. the 3rd, 7th, 11th, & 15th regiments composed, to the best of my recollection the brigade commanded by Genl. Wm Woodford [William Woodford], which belonged to the division of major Genl Stevens [sic: Adam Stephen], who resigned, or rather was broke as the sd Graves understood at the battle of Germantown. The sd Graves states that he resided in the County of Essex & State of Virginia when he entered the service, that he enlisted for two years, was in the battle at Brandywine on the 11th September 1777 and in battle at Germantown on the 4th October in the same year. He states that he was also in a Skirmish in the north near Brunswick & in several other little skirmishes. He states that after his enlistment he rendevouzed at Evan's ordinary in Essex County & marched thence to Gloucester Ct House, thence to York Town & Williamsburg, thence to Gwinn's Island [sic: Gwynn Islan], where he was on the 4th of July 76, thence to Gloucestertown & York Town, at each of which places we built a small fort, thence in Jany 1777 to Fredericksburg in Va, George Town [Georgetown] then in Maryland, Baltimore, Philadelphia, where we took shipping & were landed at Trenton, thence to Princeton, and were encamped some time at Middlebrook. After breaking up the encampment at Middlebrook, we marched to Morristown & to sundry places farther north and after the battles before named were marched on to the Valey forge [sic: Valley Forge] in Pennsylvania where we went into winter quarters and where I continued in service till the 12th day of February 1778, on which day the aforementioned Henry Waring, who had become a lieutenant, obtained my discharge, with whom I returned home, having served out the two years for which I had enlisted.

The sd. Graves hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Graves". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

NOTE: On 8 Dec 1838 Mary Ann Graves, 73, applied for a pension stating that she was married by Parson Matthews in Caroline County to John Graves on 14 Dec 1785, and he died on 26 Nov 1832, just before his pension was allowed.