

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Grace W7582

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Georgia, Tattnall County

On this ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of said County and State now sitting John Grace a resident of the County and State aforesaid who was born in North Carolina on the 27th day of August 1761 the record of which is lost or mislaid is aged 71 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the Service in the year 1782 under a draft and served three months and 20 days under Captain John Edes [?] and Colonel Lit Graves [sic, ? Sitgraves?] he and 400 others rendezvoused at Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River from there he was marched up the country and was stationed at Smithfield from thence to Rockfish Bridge near Cape Fear River the British then were in Wilmington they marched up against us fired three cannon the horse company on our back and we had to give the ground &c the Second Campaign I served under Captain Johnson and Colonel John Spicer of Onslow County we marched into Wilmington with about 300 Militia the day after the British evacuated the Town there we finished the tour Twelve of us were discharged by orders from the Captain which discharge is lost. In the year 1783 after having Served seven months He was a resident of the County of Wayne of the State of North Carolina at the time he was drafted and since the Revolution has been a resident of the State of South Carolina and Georgia and is now a resident of the County of Tattnall for the last 25 years. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of this State or any other Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Grace



[John Coward, a clergyman, and James Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia, County of Tattnall

On this 12th day of August in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting John Grace a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration made on the ninth day of October 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he was drafted in the Army of the United States in May 1781 or 1782 & served a tour of three months & 20 days under Captain Jiles [sic, Giles?] & Colonel Graves, that he rendezvoused in Kinston on Neuse River with about 400 troops, from thence he was marched up the Country and was stationed at Smithfield & from thence to Rockfish bridge near Cape Fear River; the British were then in Wilmington, they marched up against the Americans and defeated them. Soon after the said Service he was drafted a Second time and Served a tour of four months under Captain Johnson & Colonel Spicer, he was in Company with about 300 militia, marched into Wilmington that he finished his four months tour the day the British evacuated the town, that he was discharged by orders of Captain Yates, which discharge has since been lost – that during the last service he was stationed most of the time at Richmond on Neuse River, & marched thence to Wilmington. That he served in all seven months and 20 days in the Revolutionary War. That he lived in Wayne County NC at the time of each draft. That he served both tours as an orderly Sergeant. And that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure (except the enclosed) who can testify to his Service. 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.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court & the answers were as follows – to wit.

Ques. When and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Wayne County NC on 27 August 1761

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: He has seen the record of his age, but it is now lost

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: At the time he was drafted he lived in Wayne County NC part of the time since he has lived in South Carolina, and for the last 25 or 26 years that he has lived where he now lives in the County and State first aforesaid.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: Was drafted at the beginning of each tour of duty.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: Captain Coleman & Lieutenant Coats.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: He received a discharge from Captain Hall at Rockfish bridge, also from Captain Yates [looks more like “Bates” this time] at Wilmington, both of which have been lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: John Grace, James Smith, Thomas Grace, John Sharpe, John Mobley & John F. Sharpe
S/ John Grace

Sworn to & subscribed before us in open Court

S/ K. A. Smith, JIC

S/ William Deloatch, JIC

S/ S. D. Srunenay [?], JIC

S/ Elhanan W. Call, JIC

[fn p. 12: On October 13, 1843, Nancy Grace, 75, filed in Tattnall County, Ga., for a widow's pension stating that her deceased husband, John Graves, served under Captain John Giles and Colonel Lit Graves [sic, Sitgraves?], &c; that she married him about the year 1790; that he died December 22,

1839.]

[fn p. 14: Thomas Grace, a nephew of John Grace, gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Ezekiel Smyth¹ of Laurens County, Ga., gave a supporting affidavit saying he was in service with John Grace.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months and 21 days service in the North Carolina militia.]

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