

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Gravatt (Gravit) W7605
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Judith Gravatt VA

Caroline County State of Virginia SS

On this the 9th day of August 1839 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Judith Gravatt aged eighty a resident of said County 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 act of Congress passed on the 7th day of July 1838. That she was married to John Gravatt by Parson Shields about the first of the year 1787 that the family Bible was sold at his sale and my memory does not authorise me to name the precise date. But always understood that my husband before our marriage served an enlistment in the Continental Army of three or four years duration and although I cannot now remember his officers of the places at which he was stationed notwithstanding I have frequently heard him speak of those things. I do however distinctly recollect hearing him speak of being at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and I think he acted as Serjeant in the army particularly at Brandywine my husband the aforesaid John Gravatt at that time called Gravit died about the year 1797 ever since which time I have remained his widow as will appear more fully by the accompanying evidence

[signed] Judith Gravett

I Ellis Gravatt of the County of Caroline and state of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Gravatt who died in King George County about the year 1795 That for several years I lived with said John who was my brother & quit him about a year before his death I was too young to recollect his marriage or his service in the war but I lived in his family and know that he had several children at his death and must have been married fully ten years at his death he married Judith Saunders Sister to my wife [Sarah Gravatt] and I certify that said Judith is still his widow and is now living in this County with her son Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1840

[signed] Ellis Gravatt Sen'r.

NOTE: On 12 Aug 1839 Spilsbe Woolfolk, 72, a Baptist minister, stated that John Gravatt, "or as he was always called John Gravit," married Judith Saunders around 1781. On 9 March 1840 Benjamin Long (pension application S8846) certified that he was at the wedding of John Gravatt, who "served an enlistment to the North," On 21 Aug 1780 Younger Johnson stated that in 1796 he was deputy Sheriff in King George County, and that the estate of John Gravatt was insolvent because of many debts.