

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stafford Graham W8872
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The State of South Carolina, Pickens District

On this 6th day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of Pickens District Stafford Graham resident of the State and District aforesaid aged Seventy-five 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 Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service in the revolutionary war in the militia under Captain Hoy [William Hoye], Lieutenant Davison [sic, Davidson?] rendezvoused at Rockingham, Richmond County North Carolina as a substitute for six months service, marched from thence to Cross Creek from thence to Elizabeth Town from thence to Wilmington where I remained some time was marched back to Elizabeth Town thence back to Cross Creek where I remained the remainder of my six months Tour we were Joined at Cross Creek by General Lee's Rifle Company was discharged and returned home. My next Tour I was drafted and put under Captain Hathhorn [John Hawthorne], Lieutenant John Turnage rendezvoused at Rockingham was marched to Coe's Bridge on Drowning Creek in pursuit of some British who had left the place before we arrived we had several skirmishes with the Tories marched back to Rockingham were discharged. My next Tour was drafted under Captain William Speed, Lieutenant Speed Rendezvous at Rockingham marched up past Salisbury to Quaker Meadows in pursuit of Indians from thence we went in pursuit of a man called Fletcher, but without effect we returned to Rockingham scouting about some time until our time was out and was discharged this Tour was for three months my next tour I was drafted under Captain Hathhorn for three months as a horseman was employed in scouring the country making in all about 15 months service.

I know of no documentary or Personal Evidence which I can procure to Testify my Services.

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 any Agency of any State.

1st When and in what year were you born?

I was born in Richmond County [sic, then Anson County] North Carolina 1757

2nd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I lived in Richmond County then called Cumberland I removed some time since to South Carolina and now live in Pickens District in said State.

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

This is answered in the body of my application.

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.

This is answered also in the Body of my application as far as my recollection serves me except we were a while with General Arrington [probably Henry William Harrington].

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

I received a written discharge at Crossed Creek from Captain Hoy the second I received at Rockingham from Captain Hathhorn, a third discharge I received at Rockingham from Captain Speed, which are all Lost/

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court.

S/ William L. Keith, Clerk

S/ Stafford Graham, G his mark

[Stephen Ellis, a clergyman, and David McKinney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On April 21, 1848, in Pickens District South Carolina, Elizabeth Graham, aged 94 on the 12th of December last, a resident of that County filed for a widows pension stating "...that when he entered the service they lived in this State on Broad River, she states in Fairfield District, thinks he served under one Medlock in some office, probably Captain. He entered the service very soon after their marriage and was gone from her a long time, she cannot say how long, thinks he was in several skirmishes and perhaps Battles but she cannot now state the particulars as to his service; he however drew a Pension and his certificate dated 14th February 1833 is now in her possession...." She also states that she married Stafford Graham in November 1778 in Richmond County North Carolina in a ceremony performed by John Bounds Esq.; that her husband was four years younger than herself, that she had "...Ten children, raised eight, they are scattered, the oldest child is dead, the second is living in Alabama and is in her 67th year, the Daughter with whom she now lives is her seventh child, and is 56 years old, that her husband the aforesaid Stafford Graham died the 20th day of September 1833 and that she has remained a widow ever since...." She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: On May 4, 1848 in Pickens District South Carolina, William and Nancy Johnston, old residence of said District who do not know their age gave testimony that they have long known Stafford & Elizabeth Graham who lived together as man and wife on Joe's Creek waters of the Pedee River in North Carolina they think Richmond County near the South Carolina line; that when they first knew Stafford and Elizabeth Graham they had 2 children Penny & Elizabeth, the first being then about 6 or 7 years of younger than deponent Nancy Johnston. They both signed their affidavit with their mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]