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Pension Application of William Graves X306  
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VA State Navy/ Half Pay

[The federal file jacket has no number. X306 is a number assigned by HeritageQuest.]

Pension Office/ July 3, 1845

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of William Graves, deceased, who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy, and I find that he served to the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 1783. The claimant is therefore entitled to the benefits of the act of July 5 1832, entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," and I am of the opinion that the claim should be allowed at the rate of One Hundred and Eighty Two Dollars and Fifty Cents per annum from the sixth of April seventeen hundred and eighty three, when said Graves left the service to the first of January eighteen hundred and two, when he died, and that the amount is payable to Frederick Vincent, Esq'r. of Philadelphia, the administrator.

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved/ Secretary of War

Pension Office/ April 8<sup>th</sup> 1850

I hereby certify that I have examined the case of the Administrator of William Graves deceased, who claims commutation of five years full pay with interest to the present time, under the act of the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1832 for services of the said William Graves deceased, as Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy during the War of the Revolution, and it appears that said Graves served to the sixth of April seventeen hundred and eighty three: I am therefore of opinion, that under the decision in the case of Richard Barron [pension application R5] deceased, the Administrator of the said William Graves deceased is entitled to receive under the above mentioned Act eighteen hundred and twenty five dollars, the full pay of a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy in the War of the Revolution for the term of five years, with interest thereon at six per cent per annum from the twenty second day of April seventeen hundred and eighty three to the present time; deducting therefrom the whole amount which has heretofore been paid at the Treasury of the United States on account of half pay. The amount is payable to Lemuel J. Bowden Attorney of Robert J. Barlow Administrator of the said William Graves deceased.

Com'r of Pensions

Approved/ Secretary of the Interior

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The online images of several documents in the record are illegible, and the quality of the images of the following is poor.]

Having employed Mr Frederick Vincent of Norfolk Virginia to prosecute a certain claim for the Revolutionary services of my ancestor Wm Graves of Elizabeth City County Virginia who was a Lieutenant in the State Navy of Virginia and served as such until the end of the war and died intestate somewhere about the [blank] day of January one thousand eight hundred and two, and with the view to the prosecution of the said claim it may become necessary to take out letters of Administration in the said Court of Elizabeth City County. Now I Robert H. Graves of James City County one of the surviving heirs of the said Wm. Graves, do hereby authorise and empower the said Frederick Vincent to administer on his estate if on his discretion he may find it necessary and proper to do so – and as security will be required of him I hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said Frederick Vincent as my Attorney in fact, to [illegible word] any Bond or Bonds (which may be required by the said Elizabeth County Court or in any other Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia) as his security aforesaid, which I will satisfy, and I hereby certify and make oath that my estate after the payment of any just debts is worth the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. Given under my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

R. H. Graves

City of Williamsburg, towit

This day Robert J Barlow personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace in and for said City and made oath that he the aforesaid Robert J Barlow, who is [word missing] of Lieut Wm Graves, deceased, of the Virginia State Navy in the war of the Revolution; that his late wife, Sarah, formerly Sarah Graves, to whom he was married about the 3<sup>d</sup> day of January 1839, departed this life about the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1850[?], leaving as his only [two illegible words] his sons Robert, aged about nine years and William Henry aged about seven[?] years. Deponent further saith that Richard H. Graves of the City of Williamsburg is nearest blood [two or three illegible words] of said Sarah, except her said children he being her brother and she having left neither father or mother, brother or sister (besides said Richard) or any descendant of any of them. given under my hand & seal this 5<sup>th</sup>[?]day of October 1851.

Robert M Garrett JP

To the Hon John B. Floyd governor of the State of Virginia.

The petition of Richard H. Graves of full age, and of Robert and William Henry Barlow, the two last named of which are infants prosecuting their petition through Robert J Barlow, their father and next friend respectfully sheweth to your Excellency that their ancestor William Graves was a Lieutenant in the State navy in the war of the Revolution, and served in that capacity to the end of the war that his former administrator received from the government of the United States, half pay for the services of said Lieut Wm Graves, under the act of Congress, providing for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia, approved 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1832 as will fully appear from the exhibits herewith filed marked "A" and "B" which [illegible word] their allowance of the claim for said half pay and its receipt by the [several illegible words] of said Lieutenant Graves. That no land bounty has ever been allowed said Wm Graves or his heirs for his said Revolutionary services That said Richard H Graves and said Robert and William Henry Barlow, the children of Sarah Barlow deceased, who was Sarah Graves, and subsequently the wife of Robert J Barlow, are the heirs at Law of said Lieut. Wm Graves

Said heirs respectfully pray of your Excellency to award them the land bounty usual in such cases, and to direct a warrant to issue for the same in conformity to the Acts of Assembly on that subject.

Very Respectfully Your Ob't Servants

R. H. Graves

Ro Barlow for his two children Robert and William Henry

The State of Virginia

To William Graves	Dr
To my pay as Lieut in the Navy from January 16 <sup>th</sup> 1783	}
to April 6 <sup>th</sup> being Two Months & 20 days @ 6/ pr day	} £24
Amount of subsistance @ £4 pr month	<u>11</u>
	£35
April 5 <sup>th</sup> 1783. Rec'd the above amt in full W Graves	I do certifie the above acct to be just
	Ja Barron [James Barron]
	Com'd State Navy

The United States Dr.

To William Graves, deceased, Lieut in Virginia State Navy.  
For his half pay from April 6 1783 to January 1 1802 when }  
he died, being 19 years 270 days at [illegible] per annum } \$3603.00  
[The rest mostly illegible.]

NOTE: The Virginia bounty-land file contains a power of attorney, the online image of which is mostly illegible, but it appears to have been signed by a James B. Graves.