Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Daniel Gresham VAS3772 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

I Carter Croxton [S9250], of the state of Virginia, and the County of Essex, aged seventy four years, do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Daniel Gresham of the county of King & Queen during the Revolutionary war that we were both, bound & served apprentices to the Bricklayers business previous to the war, that we both enlisted about the same time, under Capt Wm Spiller [William Spiller VAS2171], & we were both attached to the regiment commanded by Col'l Elias Edmonds [VAS2004] that we remained together about Yorktown & Williamsburg about two years in the state artillery, that after that time we were both transfered to the United States service under Capt Christopher Roane [X635], that we were both together until the battle, at Rouges' Mill, in South Carolina [sic: battle of Camden, which occurred about 12 miles south of Rugeley's Mill on 16 Aug 1780], during which battle, the s'd Gresham was mortally wounded, & died in a short time; that he enlisted for three years & served his time faithfully. & further this deponent saith not.

I do hereby certify that I knew Daniel Gresham of King & Queen Count; that he enlisted during the revolutionary war under Capt William Speller in the state artillery for the benifit of the united States commanded first by Colonel Elias Edmonds, & then by Colonel Charles Porterfied [BLWt1145-450] That he marched from Williamsburg Va to [sic: toward] Charlestown South Carolina that he fought at the battle at Gates' defeat, that the s'd Gresham inlisted for three years & was killed at the aforsaid battle of Gates' defeat I served the whole of the time above specified & was well acquainted with the said Gresham

Given under my hand this 17th day August 1832 Carter Croxton Sen'r.

In anter Poros ton Denk

I Leonard Shackelford [S6085] of the County of King and Queen and State of Virginia a soldier of the revolutionary war, aged seventy five years and attached to the first regment of the Virginia line, and the seventh regment of the Virginia Continental line, commanded by General William [undeciphered] do solemnly swear that Daniel Gresham of said County, raised my neighbour, did enlist for the term of three years or during the war, in the [blank] regment of the Virginia line under Barnett Jeffries [VAS1158] in Capt William Spiller's Company, of King William cty and marched to the South where, in an engagement, I understood he was killed. Farther than this, this affiant sayth not. [9 Dec 1834]

Leonard . Thank chord

[The following is difficult to decipher.]

To the Honourable governour and Counsel of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Your petitioners Meriman Brooke and Elizabeth his wife, Benony Gresham, Ann Gresham, Genelle Gresham, Boberly Strout who married Thomas Stout[?], Joannah Gresham the Children of Jane Gresham deceased Kauffman Gresham, Lucinda Gresham, Matilda Garette who married Robert Garrette the Children of John Gresham's De'cd Thomas Gresham the son of Anthony Gresham's De'cd Richard Gresham the son of Wm Gresham's De'cd Peter Brooke, William Brooke, Lucy Brooke, Susan Brooke, Jane Stone (who married Roling Stone the children of Sally Gresham's De'cd who married William Broocke, William Oliver in right of his wife who was Jane Gresham: Beg leave respectfully to represent to your body that they are the only heirs and distributees of Daniel Gresham De'cd and formerly of King & Queen County in the state of Virginia, and who was a Soldier in the State Artillery in the revolutionary war. That the said Daniel Gresham enlisted into the service of his country early in the struggle with Great Brittain for independence, and after having served as a Soldier in the state artillery in the Virginia State line troops for three years or during the war, died in the service of his Country as they flatter themselves they will be able to prove to your satisfaction. Under the foregoing circumstances your petitioners are advised, that as heirs of said Daniel Gresham De'cd, they are entitled to the land bounty which was due to said Daniel Gresham at the time of his death by the laws of the land for his aforesaid services as a Soldier of Artillery. And therefore ask you honourable body to allow their said Claim, and direct the register of the land office to issue such land warrant or warrants as they may be entitled to. And your petitioners will William B[?]/ Asa Gresham/ Peter Borick/ Henry St[?]/ William [?]/ Dicy ever pray &C &C &C Brooke/ Garret Gresham/ [?] Gresham/ Kauffman Gresham/ Robert Garrett/ [?] Gresham/ Benony Gresham/ Thomas Gresham/ Susan [?]/ Richard hisXmark [?] [King and Queen County, 27 Aug 1835]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 19th day of May 1786, in the name of Daniel Gresham as a Soldier of Artillery for £64.16.7, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Thos Jeffries and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 29th day of August 1835. G Adams [?] Third Clk [undeciphered word] AUDITOR.