

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Richard Grantham W418
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State of Tennessee, Grainger County

On this 21 day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Grainger in the State of Tennessee (the same being a court of Record) Richard Grantham a resident of the County of Grainger and the State of Tennessee aged 77 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 on the 22nd day of July of said year with Charles Cotesworth Pinckney and served in the Continental establishment under the following named officers General Gadson [sic, Christopher Gadsden] Colonel Charles Cotesworth Pinckney commanded the Regiment Captain Thomas Lynch commanded the Company to which he belonged which shortly after he enlisted was elected a member of the Convention to form the Constitution as he understood and believes. He states that he served under Captain Glen Drayton who supplied the vacancy of Captain Thomas Lynch. That he left the service on the 4th day of August 1778, that he lived in Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina when he entered in the service, that he was in no engagement while in the Continental establishment that he marched from Dobbs court house to Wilmington, from thence through Georgetown to Charleston in South Carolina at which place he was stationed for about six months from thence he was moved to James Island where he was stationed about six months from thence he was stationed in Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island after the battle was fought there where he remained about 18 months, then he was returned to Charleston where he remained a few weeks thence to Fort [illegible word looks like "Basfryton"] thence to Reids Bluff in Georgia thence he went in an expedition into East Florida under General Howe Colonel Charles C. Pinckney & Captain Drayton then after the expedition into Florida he was returned to Charleston in South Carolina. He states he was discharged by Colonel Charles C. Pinckney but that he has lost his discharge. He states that after his return home in the County where he first enlisted Joshua Grantham being drafted and having a large family and this applicant having none he consented to serve a five months tour in the room and stead of the said Joshua Grantham, that he served under the following field officers, to wit, Major General Ashe, Brigadier General Bryant, Colonel William Tazewell [sic, William Caswell?] commanding the Regiment and Captain John Kennedy commanding the company to which he belonged, that he was engaged in the battle of Briar Creek that he rendezvoused in Kingston [sic, Kinston] in Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina that he marched thence to Briar Creek where a battle was fought with British and Tories on one side and the militia of the United States on the other – from thence to Savannah River from thence to the black Swamp, where he remained during the remainder of his time of Service, that he received no discharge from this term of service – he states that he was born March 16th in the year 1754 in Dobbs County North Carolina – that he has a record of his age at his dwelling house that he has lived since the revolutionary war in Hawkins and Grainger County in the State of Tennessee. That he now lives in Grainger County State of Tennessee that he enlisted in the first Regiment of South Carolina under Colonel Pinckney. He states that there is no person by whom he can prove his service. He states that the first term of service he served three years that he served as a substitute for Joshua Grantham six months. He states that he is known to Thomas Turley, Daniel Taylor and Charles McAnally in his present neighborhood.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ P. S. Cocke, D. C.

S/ Richard Grantham

[Charles McAnally, a clergyman, Daniel Taylor and Thomas Turley gave the standard supporting

affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court to Richard Graham from an applicant for a pension under act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

Question When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Dobbs County State of North Carolina on the 16th day of march 1754

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

Answer: I have and it is at my dwelling house in this County

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

Answer: When I entered the service I lived in Dobbs County State of North Carolina From thence I removed to Hawkins County Tennessee From thence I removed to Grainger County Tennessee where I now live --

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

Answer: I enlisted the first tour in the second tour I was a substitute for Joshua Grantham as before stated.

Question 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.

Answer: Generals Howe, Ashe, Bryant, and Gadsden, Colonels Pinckney & Tazewell, Captains Drayton, Kennedy.

Question 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.

Answer: Reverend Charles McAnally, Thomas Turly, Daniel Taylor and I could mention many others if it is necessary.

Amendatory Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832

State of Tennessee, Grainger County

On this 10th day of April 1833 personally appeared Richard Grantham a resident of the County and State aforesaid in open court before Samuel Powell one of the Judges of the Circuit courts of the State of Tennessee and made oath in due form of law that he enlisted in the service of the United States at the times and places as stated in his former Declaration and served as therein set forth and under the officers mentioned and rendered the services specified and in addition he states he acted as Sergeant Major on the march from Kinston North Carolina to Briar Creek he states said Creek is in the State of Georgia. Before this time he was appointed a Corporal [in] Captain Drayton's Company and served as such for 18 months and was a Corporal when discharged.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William E. Cocke, Clk

By S/ P. S. Cocke, D. C.

S/ Richard Grantham

[On October 14, 1846, in Grainger County, Tenn., Frances Grantham, 81, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Richard Grantham a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services at the rate of \$86 per annum; that he died June 22, 1845 [could be 1846]; that she married him April 14, 1784.]

[facts in file: Frances Amis, daughter of Thomas and Alice Amis, married Richard Grantham in Hawkins County, Tenn.; they were married by Thomas Murrell, a minister of the gospel; that she was

born April 16, 1765. Bible records:

Children of Richard and Frances Grantham:

Penelopy born June 10, 1786

Mary born February 8, 1788, married April 7, 1805, George Saunders and died October 17, 1826

Ann born Sept. 29, 1789, married Jan. 1807, Hezekiah Robertson, and died October 12, 1814

Amis born Sept 1, 1791, married Aug. 10, 1815, Margaret Williams

Tabitha born May 27, 1793, married Dec. 15, 1816, Hezekiah Roberson

Rachel born March 5, 1795, married July 29, 1817, James Dotson

Rodey or Rhoda born Nov. 9, 17--[torn], married Dec. 17, 1817, James Moore

Lincoln born Aug. 13, 1798

John Thomas born Jan. 9, 1800, married Dec. 4, 1824, Margaret Littleton

James born Oct. 8, 1801

Alice Gale born May 7, 1803, married Feb. 2, 1823, Hughes W. Taylor

“Willis Grantham and Keziah Stubblefield was married”

Richard Grantham son of John & Anne Grantham was born March 16, 1754

Francis Grantham daughter of Thomas & Alice Amis was born Aprile 16, 1765]