Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Groom VAS1710 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From pension records in the Library of Virginia]

This may Certify that John Groom now in the Thirty Ninth year of his Age – was detached under my Command in the Trenches before York on the Fifteenth day of October 1781 when he received a wound by a shot from the Enemy which occasioned the loss of his leg – he was a Militia man ordered from the County of Orange where he now lives to do his own Tower [tour] of duty in Captain Robt. Stubblefield [Robert Stubblefield's] Company which was annexed to Colonel Darke[William Darke's] Regiment – Given under my hand this thirteenth day of May 1787

S/ Nath¹ Welch, Major [Nathaniel Welch]

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I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that John Groom, aged 39 years, Late a Private in the Militia of Orange County whose pay while in Service was at the rate of £24 per annum, was wounded in the service of the United States, which wound occasioned the loss of one of his legs, and that he is allowed the sum of Fifteen Pounds yearly to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the Governor being absent) at Richmond, this 13th day of June 1787

S/T. Meriwether

S/ Beverly Randolph

Received the with then Contracts in full this 10th of October 1789 Test

S/ Isaac Graves

S/ John Groom

[Note: The balance of the papers in this file are administrative in nature representing the annual authorization, appropriation, disbursement and receipt of the pension due the veteran up until the year 1803. There is no document indicating when or where the veteran died.]