Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Grayham (Graham) R4182 Transcribed by Will Grayes f25NC 5/3/08 rev'd 9/21/15

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State of Kentucky, Green County: SS

On this 21st day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Court holden for Green County in the State of Kentucky in open Court William Graham a resident citizen of Green County in the State of Kentucky aged 80 years on the 10th day of June 1832 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 of the 7th June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States, a Continental establishment, as an orderly Sergeant for the term of three years in the year 1778 in the month of January in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Hezekiah Rice in the 9th Regiment of North Carolina troops commanded by Colonel John Williams. That shortly after his enlistment he marched with said troops from Caswell County to Halifax County and State of North Carolina on the Roanoke River. That shortly after the arrival of said troops in the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina he was taken sick and compelled to return home having served in said corps a period some where between 9 and 12 months he would not be positive as to the exact time. He further states that on his return home he procured a man by the name of William Hobbs to serve the residue of the time of his enlistment, that said Hobbs reaching the Army he the said William Graham received a regular written discharge but from the protected period of time which has since elapsed he has by some means lost it so that he cannot now exhibit it as evidence of his services – He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service.

The said William Graham states that in the month of March in the year 1777, he volunteered and served for three months in a company called minute men resided in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina which company was commanded by Captain Waddy Tate. He states that he has no written testimony whatever going to establish his services last mentioned: nor is there any living witness so far as he knows by whom said services can be established.

The said William Graham hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present: and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Grayham

[Nathan Blevins and Elias Barbee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina,

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Graham a Sergeant in Captain Cook's Company of the 9th Regiment enlisted in 1777 for the term of three years, and that the following remark stands opposite his name on said rolls. "Supposed Dest'd November 1777," and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 6th April 1833. S/Wm Hill