

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Graves R4214

Sarah Graves

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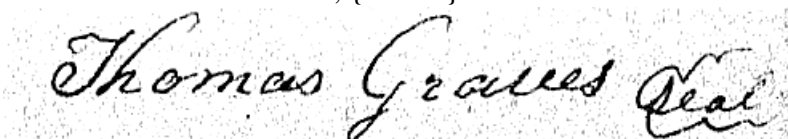
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The State of Alabama, Pike County

On this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1852, before me Jason Tyson a Justice of the peace in and for Said County personally appeared Thomas Graves a resident of Said County aged Sixty-two years who being 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 acts of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1838 and acts amendatory thereto that he is the only heir and child now living of Sara Graves and Thomas Graves that his father the said Thomas Graves was a private in the war of the Revolution that this affiant is not able to State under what officers the said Thomas Graves Served but that he served under General Marion [Francis Marion] in North and South Carolina and Georgia but he thinks he entered the Service in the State of South Carolina and that he Served in the years 1777 and '78 and '79 as much as two years. That his father the said Thomas Graves, died in Marion District South Carolina on the third day of July in the year 1805 that his Said father and his Said mother Sara Graves were married in the County of Richmond in the State of North Carolina in the year 1761 by a Baptist preacher named Benjamin Mosely. That there is no family Record that this affiant is a were [sic, aware] of Showing the date of Said marriage or the births of the children – that his Said Mother died in Marlborough District South Carolina on the first day of September 1842 and was at the time of her death the widow of Said Thomas Graves.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me January 23 day A.D. 1852.

S/ Thomas Graves, {SEAL}



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The State of Alabama, County of Pike

Personally appeared before me Jason Tyson a Justice of the peace in and for the County & state aforesaid Charity Graves aged 64 years who being duly sworn according to law Deposeth and saith on oath that she knew Thomas Graves from her infancy to the day of his death and that she thinks that he died some time in the year 1805. She was not at his burial and that she lived some six or seven miles from him and that she is fully satisfied that he died about that time and that she has heard a great many people say in S. C. that Thomas Graves Senior moved from N. C. to S. C. in a short time after the Revolutionary War and that he was always reputed to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that she lived a near Neighbor to the Widow for 20 years after his death and she has frequently heard the widow Sara Graves talking about her husband being in the Revolutionary War and that he served in the State of North Carolina under General Marion and that it was a common talk in S. C. That he was a

soldier from N. C. That she lived near neighbor to the widow Sara Graves from Thomas Graves' death up to the year 1836 and that she moved from South Carolina to Alabama and does [not] know from her own knowledge when Sarah Graves died but she has been credibly informed that Sarah Graves died in South Carolina on or about the first day of September A.D. 1842, and that she fully Concurs in the opinion that Thomas Graves was a revolutionary Soldier and that Sarah Graves was his lawful wife and that she died on the day of the date above and that Thomas Graves Jr. is the only heir that she knows of now living. This the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1855.

S/ Charity Graves, X her mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me Jason Tyson a Justice of the peace and I certify that Charity Graves is a credible person and witness and I further certify that I have no Interest in said Claim.

S/ Jason Tyson, JP

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The State of Alabama, Pike County

Personally appeared before me Jason Tyson a Justice of the peace in and for said County Archabald Graves [sic, Archibald Graves] who after being duly Sworn according to Law Deposeh and saith on oath, that he is about 77 years [old] and that he has known Thomas Graves Senior all his life and that he moved from North to South Carolina directly after the revolutionary war and that he was always reputed by all that knew him to have been a revolutionary Soldier and That he has often times heard the said Thomas Graves Senior say that he entered the Service in North Carolina and that he done Military Service under General Marion in North & South Carolina and that he has heard John Graves who is now dead Say that he knew Thomas Graves Senior in North & South Carolina and that he Said that Thomas Graves entered the service in North Carolina and that he knew him to do Military service in North and South Carolina and that he has heard others who are now dead Speak in the same manner, in relation to the services of the said Thomas Graves Senior and that he was at one Daby Sweenny's in North Carolina in the year 1810 And that he heard said Sweenny Say that the Said Thomas Graves Sr. served a great deal in the revolutionary war and that the said Thomas Graves' family lived near him during the time said Thomas Graves was in service in said war and after said War the said Thomas Graves moved from North to South Carolina and that He was present at the said Thomas Graves' burial and that said Thomas Graves was buried with all the honors of a revolutionary Soldier and further that he has heard one Samuel Pate who is now dead say that he served in the revolutionary war with the said Thomas Graves Sr and that said Thomas Graves was a good soldier and that he fully concurs in the opinion of that Thomas Graves served as above described & what he knows in relation to the marriage – Child &c is sot [sic, set] forth in his deposition heretofore taken.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1855

S/ Jason Tyson, JP

S/ Archabald Graves, X his mark

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The State of Alabama, Pike County

Personally appeared before me Jason Tyson a Justice of the peace in and for said County Hardy Graves who after being duly Sworn according to law Deposeh and says upon oath that his age is about Seventy-five years, that he cannot state with certainty anything about the services of Thomas Graves but that he knew the said Thomas Graves and Sarah Graves his wife to live together as husband & wife for about 30 years before the death of the said Thomas Graves and that they lived as husband and Wife unto his death the said Thomas Graves died about the third day of July in the year 1805, that he was not at his burial but that he lived not far from him and he thinks that he is positive as to the time of his death, that Sarah Graves died some time about the first of September in the year 1842 according to the best of his Recollection and that he has known Thomas Graves Jr. ever since he was born and that he is a son of said Thomas & Sarah Graves.

Sworn to and subscribed before me July 10, 1852.

S/ Hardy Graves



S/ Jason Tyson, JP

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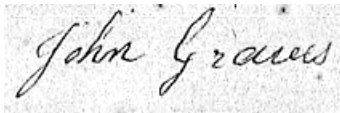
The State of Alabama Pike County: SS

Personally appeared before me Jason Tyson a Justice of the peace John Graves who being Sworn according to law deposeth and Says upon oath, that he is about 82 years of age; That he first knew Thomas Graves and Sarah his wife in South Carolina about the year 1781 and they were living together as husband and wife and according to what he has heard the said Thomas and Sarah Graves say they were married in the year 1761 and that Thomas Graves was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war he was reputed to have been a Soldier in the revolution and believed to have been a Soldier of the Revolutionary [war] by the people that knew him in South Carolina and he fully concurs with the opinion that the said Graves was a Soldier in the Revolution under General Marion. Thomas Graves Junior appeared to be about twelve years old in the year 1800. Thomas Graves Senior died in the year 1805, that he was living near the said Thomas Graves when he died but he was not at the burial but he was well acquainted with the family and has all reasons and does believe that he died in the aforesaid date in South Carolina Marion District and that Sarah Graves died in Marlborough District South Carolina on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1842, according to the best information he has about her death.

Sworn to and subscribed before me January 23<sup>rd</sup> day A.D. 1852

S/ Jason Tyson, JP

S/ John Graves



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State of North Carolina, Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Thomas Graves

Vol. C., No. 1993 £2 S17 specie June 1782

Book No. 5, page 39 £24 S12 D10 specie August 1782

Book G, No. 16 page 25 £7 S14 specie

Book G, No. 11, page 8 £14 S2 D10 specie

I furthermore certify that this is the only certificates I have issued in this case and the only information I have given respecting it.

In testimony where of I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1852.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

[p 27: On November 5, 1852 in Pike County Alabama, Archibald Graves gave a 2<sup>nd</sup> affidavit in which he restates his earlier testimony transcribed above and adds that he heard Thomas Graves Senior state "that he served under General Marion about two years (to wit) about the years 1777 & seventy-eight & seventy-nine and that he always for the reputation in South Carolina of being a Revolutionary Soldier". He signed this affidavit with his mark.]

[p 18: On December 13, 1852 in Pike County Alabama, Thomas Graves, 62, filed a formal application under the 1836 and 1838 acts on behalf of himself as the sole heir and child of Sarah Graves. This application is almost word for word the same as the application above except that this one bears a signature as follows:

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "Thomas Graves" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper.

. It is not clear why this 2<sup>nd</sup> application was required.]

State of North Carolina, Richmond County

I Malcolm L Douglass Clerk of the County Court of the County of Richmond in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that I have made a thorough and diligent search in my office and find no evidence of the Marriage of Thomas Graves and Sarah Sweeny either filed or recorded therein.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal of office this 17<sup>th</sup> day A. D. 1851.

S/ M. L. Douglass, C. C. C.

[There is a similar certificate from the clerk of Anson County, NC saying he could find no record of the marriage of Thomas Graves and Sarah Sweeney in his county's records.]