Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gray S41586 Transcribed by Will Graves

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District of Edenton [State of North Carolina]

On this third day of November 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law for the said District Personally appeared William Gray aged Sixty one years resident of Camden County in said District who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said William Gray enlisted for the Term of three years on the tenth day of June in the year 1777 – in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Demsey Gregory [Dempsey Gregory] -- of the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Shiphard [perhaps Abraham Sheppard] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the same Corps or in the service of the United States until the capture of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] when he was taken a prisoner and detained by the enemy, until Discharged from said service in the October before peace. That he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Stony Point [July 16, 1779] & the Siege of Charleston and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support.

S/Wm Grav

Munday

Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid [Attested by Frederic Nash, Judge]

State of North Carolina, Camden County

Dempsey Harrison¹ maketh oath that he knows that William Gray enlisted in the Army of the United States as he has stated in the within declaration, that this deponent having enlisted at the same time that he also knows that the said William Gray served during the time he has stated, & that this deponent was at the storming of the Stony Point and at the Siege of Charleston with the said William Gray.

S/ Dempsey Harrison, X his Mark

Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

S/F. Nash

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 7th December 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears

¹ Dempsey (Demsey, Dem) Harrison S41623

from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in & for the Revolutionary war that William Gray a private in Captain Gregory's company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 10th of June 1777 for three years. --

Given under my hand the date above.

S/Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 3, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]