

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Graham S6936

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State of North Carolina, Randolph County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term A.D. 1832

On this Sixth day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting, John Graham a resident of the County of Randolph & State of North Carolina, aged Seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, viz.:

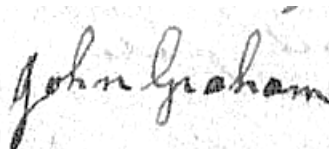
He states that he was born in Paxton Township, Lancaster County, State of Pennsylvania on 1st November 1761 & has a record of his age: that he removed to Randolph County (then Guilford) in the year 1775 & has lived in said County ever since & now resides in it. He states that he entered the service of the United States with Joseph Johnston¹ at the same time & under the same officers, to wit: he volunteered for three months under Captain Thomas Dougan, Colonel Balfour [Andrew Balfour], & Colonel Collier [John Collier], and armed & equipped himself for the light horse service & joined the troop which the said Captain Dougan commanded. He states that this was early in the year 1779 & that the circumstances of his service, as far as he can recollect them are accurately detailed in the declaration of the said Joseph Johnston, to which he begs leave to refer, & to adopt so far as they are concerned, as his own; deeming it unnecessary here to recapitulate them. He declares that his service amounted in all to the best of his belief & recollection to Ten months: & that neither he nor Johnston was in any important service, in which both were not engaged.

He states that he can prove part of his service by his neighbor Dan Merrell² & the whole of it by the said Joseph Johnston. He can also establish his character & reputation for revolutionary service by ~~General George Hoover~~ & General Alexander Gray and John Elder, both his neighbors.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Graham



We Dan Merrell and Joseph Johnston, residing in the County of Randolph & State of North Carolina, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Graham who has subscribed & sworn to the

¹ [Joseph Johnston \(Johnson\) W5033](#)

² [Daniel Merrell S7222](#)

preceding declaration; & that we believe him to be seventy-one years of age. Dan Merrell certifies that he saw him in the service as a trooper before he, Graham, went to the South; that he saw him on his way South & also on his return after his discharge. Joseph Johnston certifies that John Graham was with him & served with him throughout the whole of the service detailed & set forth in his (Johnston's) declaration, to which the said Graham refers

Dan Merrell
Joseph Johnston]

[Alexander Gray & John Elder gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]