

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ralph Graves W2102

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At a Court on Monthly Session held for Fluvanna County on Monday the 24th day of May 1819 This day Ralph Graves resident of this County aged about Sixty three years personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on oath That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution sometime in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty or one thousand seven hundred and eighty one that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Samuel Selden of the Second Regiment commanded by Colonel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes] of the Virginia line and continental establishment that he served as a Soldier as aforesaid Eighteen months (and quit the service in consequence of a discharge which has been destroyed by fire that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence of his said services.

State of Virginia }

Fluvanna County towit } On the twenty fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a Court of record by the Laws of the said State Ralph Graves aged sixty three years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the War of the revolution in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty or one thousand seven hundred and eighty one that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Samuel Selden of the second regiment commanded by Colonel Haws of the Virginia line and continental establishment that he served as a soldier Eighteen months and quit the service in consequence of being discharged which discharge has been destroyed by fire. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit. One hundred acres of Land one horse five head of Cattle two sows and seven shoats one pot one dutch oven three old barrels & one half of a knives and forks. The said Declarant further states that he is by occupation a farmer which he is illy able to pursue by reason of age and infirmity and a sore on one of his legs which contributes materially to disable him and has been of long duration. His family consists of a wife aged forty three years one daughter seventeen years of age a son fifteen years of age a daughter twelve years of age a son eight years of age a son five years of age and a daughter three years of age the most of whom are unable to contribute in any degree to their support. The said declarant further states that the number of his original certificate is Thirteen thousand four hundred and twenty four

Ralph Graves

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Ralph Graves/ age 16/ carpenter/ born in Lunenburg County VA/ residing in Henrico County VA/ brown hair,

black eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 12 Aug 1780 for 18 months.

On 27 Aug 1849 Jane Graves, 69, applied for a pension stating that she married Ralph Graves on 24 Dec 1799, and he died 4 Oct 1833. On an application for bounty land dated 14 July 1856 her age is given as 81, and her place of residence as Central Plains Post Office. Richard H. Graves and Thomas B. Kidd, also of Central Plains P. O., stated that they had known Jane Graves for 30 years. The Clerk of Fluvanna County stated that there was a marriage bond executed on 5 Dec 1799 by Ralph Graves. On 6 Feb 1866 Jane Graves applied for a resumption of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War. She signed with an X, witnessed by Barrett B. Graves. On 26 Apr 1866 she declared that during the Civil War she was "principally furnished with food & raiment by the exertions of a very poor idiotic old son, whose business was to cultivate a small piece of poor land."

The following note is in the file:

Mrs. Jane Graves has only one living child, and she not a minor, and having funds in hand to pay her burrial expenses, I return her Certificate. Mrs. G. would have been 104 years old (I believe) the 23^d of this Month.
Resptly.
July 11th 76 J. R. Nail