

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Greacey (Greacy, Gracy) W357

Rachel Greacey

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State of Tennessee Giles County

On this day being the 25th [could be 26th] day of February Sessions 1833 John Gracey a citizen of said County and State aforesaid Personally appeared before the County Court of said County sitting at the courthouse in the Town of Pulaski aged seventy-four years last January who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as follows, to wit. In the fall of the year 1776 or 1777 he is not positively certain and when he was under eighteen years of age he volunteered his services as a militia soldier under Captain Joseph Dickson and Colonel Lock [Francis Locke], he entered the service in Rowan County North Carolina and was stationed at Camden South Carolina this tour lasted three months --

The ensuing year in the fall the month not recollected, he entered said service again under Captain William Bell and Colonel Lock went to Charleston SC and stationed there three months. He entered again the ensuing fall under Captain David Caldwell and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and Colonel Hampton [Andrew Hampton] of South Carolina went to Georgia Savannah against the British they lay on one side of the River and we on the other -- this tour lasted five months [Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 18, 1779].

Some short time before Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] was captured [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] this Declarant entered the service of the United States again under Thomas Cowan and Colonel Lock went [to] Salisbury North Carolina and was discharged by General Green [Nathanael Greene].

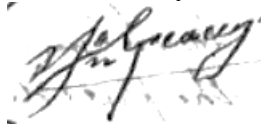
Shortly afterwards he entered said service under Captain Ephraim Davidson who was under General Rutherford and engaged in NC in subduing the Tories, his two last named tours lasted six weeks each. This declarant further states that in the year 1779 he under Captain Joseph Dickson her [sic, here? or he?] served twenty days against the Tories in Rowan County North Carolina.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know anyone whose testimony is now in his power to obtain. This declarant states he was born and raised in Rowan County North Carolina. That he married in said County in the year 1784 then moved to Oglethorpe County Georgia and settled there until the year 1807 [could be 1809],¹ when he moved to Williamson County Tennessee, remained there until he removed to Maury County in said State & about two years after he moved to Bedford County and there he remained for twelve years and thence he removed to Giles County where he has lived ever since. This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or territory.

¹ 1807.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.
S/ German Lester, Clk

S/ J^o_n Greacey

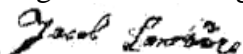


[Lewis Garret, a clergyman, and James White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On Nov. 1, 1847 in Giles County, Tenn., Rachel Gracy, 73, applied for a widow's pension stating that she married John Gracy on March 4, 1793; and that he died on October 8, 1839. She signed her application with her mark]

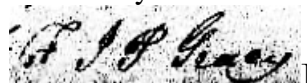
[James Ramsey gave a supporting affidavit stating that he recollects the marriage of John Gracy and Rachel Ramsey, performed by the Rev'd John Newton. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 50: On December 31, 1847 in Marshall County Tennessee, Jacob Lawrence gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of John Gracie and Rachel Ramsey by the Reverend John Newton in Oglethorpe County Georgia in the year 1793; that John and Rachel lived together as man and wife until John died; that John was actually a revolutionary war soldier having served under Colonel Lock and as a wagon near under general Rutherford.



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[p 52: On the 12th day of April 1848 in Giles County Tennessee, F. J. P. Gracy gave testimony authenticating the family records of John and Rachel Gracy; he states that he has often heard his mother say that there was an infant born dead in the fall of 1793 who was not named.



[p 54: On the 11th day of April 1848 in Giles County Tennessee, William N. R. Gracy gave testimony authenticating the family record relating to the family of William Ramsey; he states that the record is in the handwriting of his grandfather William Ramsey father of Rachel the affiant's mother; that the record remain the property of William Ramsey until his death whereupon it became the property of Rachel Gracy; that the records relating to William, Cynthia and Joseph Gracy are in the handwriting of the affiant's father John Gracie; that his father's daughters whose names have been torn off of said record by some means are Mary Calhoun who was born December 1794 being the oldest living child of his parents.



[Facts in file: Veteran was born January 30, 1759 in Rowan County, NC; he died October 8, 1839; married Rachel Ramsey March 14, 1793; she was born March 5, 1773, the daughter of William and A. Ramsey; John and Rachel Greacey had the following children
Mary born Dec. 1794, married ___ Calhoun

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— born Feb. 14, 1799}
 — born May 19, 1801} page torn so as to delete names
 — born Sept. 8, 1803}

Cynthia K. Gracy, born Dec. 25, 1805

Joseph B. Gracy born Feb. 10, 1807

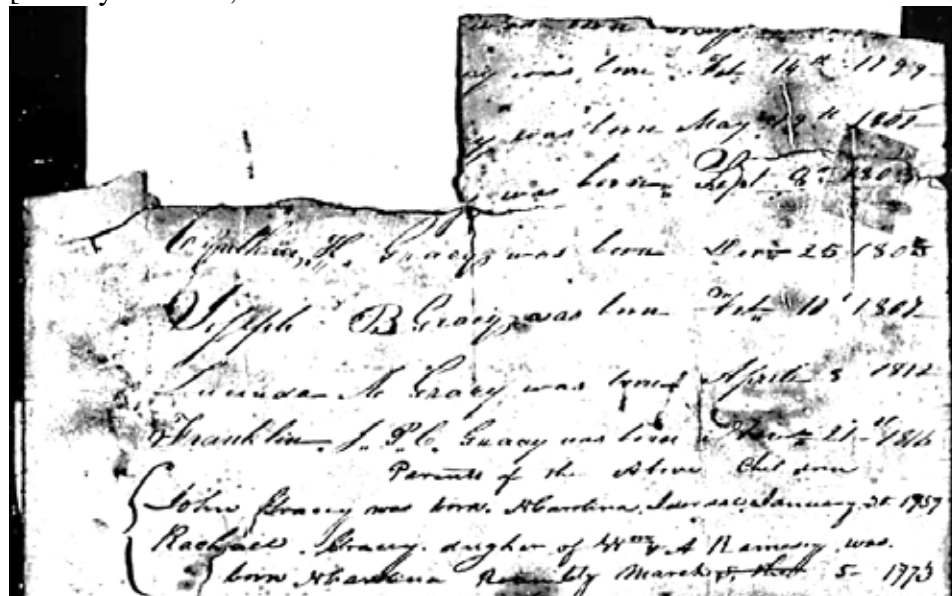
Lucinda A. Gracy born Aprile 8, 1812

Franklin J. P. C. born Nov. 21, 1816

Parents of the Above Children

John Gracey was N. Carolina, Iredell [? County] January 30, 1759

Rachael Gracey, dugher [daughter] of Wm & A. Ramsey was born N. Carolina Roan [Rowan] Cty [County] March 5, 1773.



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William N. R. Gracey

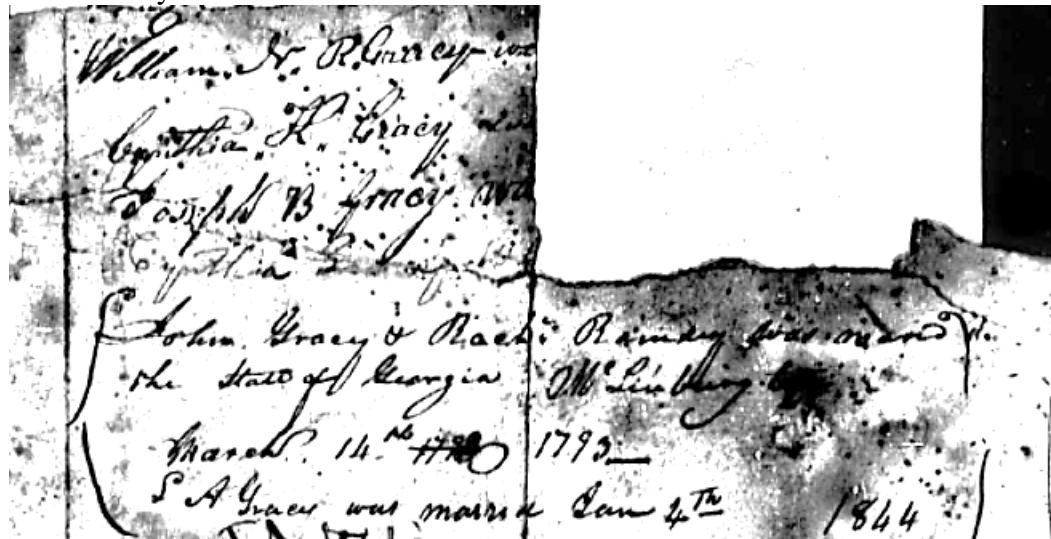
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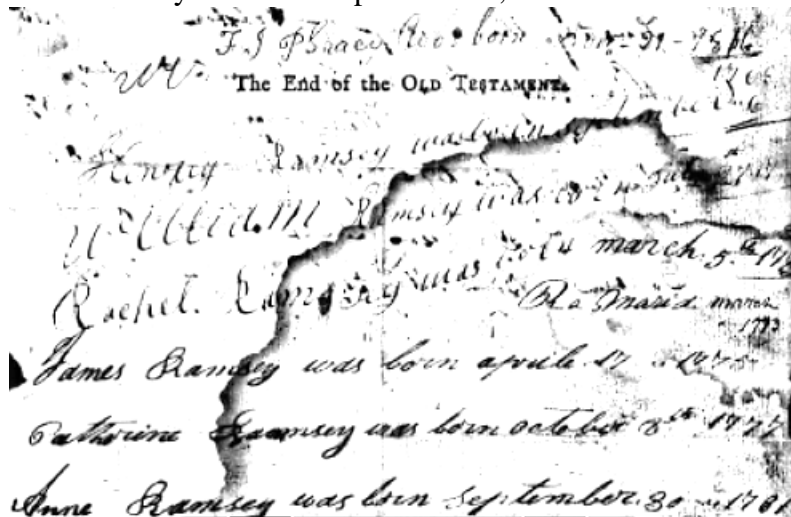
Cynthia [illegible]

John Gracy & Rach^l Ramsey was maried in the State of Georgia McLinburg March 14th 1793

S. A. Gracey was marrid June 4th 1844



[p 15: largely illegible Bible record of the Ramsey (Ramsay) family: the following is what I think I see
 F. J. P. Gracy Was born Nov. 21 1816
 Henry [Henry] Ramsey was born September 6 ...
 William Ramsey was born on July 27....
 Rachel Ramsay was born March 5, 17... Ra married March 1793
 James Ramsey was born Aprile 17, 1775
 Catherine Ramsey was born October 6th 1777
 Anne Ramsey was born September 30, 1781



The End of the OLD TESTAMENT

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Henry Ramsey was born Sept. 6 - 1781

William Ramsey was born July 27 - 1781

Rachel Ramsay was born March 5, 1773

James Ramsey was born April 17, 1775

Catherine Ramsey was born October 6th 1777

Anne Ramsey was born September 30, 1781

[p 16: Gracy/Greacey family records
 John Gracy ? & Rachel Gracy his
 John Gracy was born January 30, 1759
 Racacl Gracy was born March 5th 1773
 Marid [Married] 14 March 1793
 William N. R. Gracy was Married [married] July 31 1832 to Miss N. T. Sharp
 Joseph B. Gracy was married to Miss E. L Bradshaw on Tuesday the 6 day of October 1835
 Cynthia Gracy married to James Davidson 12th September Wedenday 1838 Departed this life Sept. 6, 1839
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months and 15 days in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]