

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Graham W81

Frances Graham

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State of Alabama, Franklin County: SS

On this Sixth day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Gregory D. Stone Judge of the County Court aforesaid County of Franklin Andrew Graham a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged about Seventy Six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress 7th June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of August 1780 as he believes a few days before the Battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780] he volunteered with five others of his neighbors and left home to join the American forces, that he arrived at Camden on the same day of the Battle and participated in the engagement but owing to the hurry of preparation he was not regularly enrolled nor does he now recollect to which command he was attached upon that occasion, owing to the defeat of the American forces at Camden, the dispersed and flying condition of the troops and his not belonging to any regular organized command he retreated home to Cashaw [Kershaw] District in South Carolina then his residence. About this time a Company of Mounted Volunteers was organized in Kershaw District under the command of Captain Thomas Ballard¹ and he was regularly enrolled in said Company which was kept up until the close of the war, this Company was always kept in readiness for Service at an hours warning and was frequently called out to act against the marauding parties of British and Tories which about that period overran the State of South Carolina, under these circumstances he was out several times for from two to four weeks at a time, while under the command of Captain Ballard he with said Company was called out for the purpose of escorting the family of General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] from South Carolina Eastward and went as far as White's Mills in North Carolina, this Escort was composed of about 200 men under the command of Colonel John Marshall, Colonel Kimbrell was also in Company, in this Expedition a party of British hung upon their rear most of the distance with whom the escort had several skirmishes & took four or five British prisoners. This was a forced march the whole way the Escort traveling about two whole days & nights without stopping to sleep or rest.

About the month of August 1781 he was called out under the command of Captain Thomas Ballard upon a tour of three months Service the company rendezvoused at Kershaw District South Carolina and marched to the Santee Swamps where he joined General Marion

¹ [Thomas Ballard S20283](#)

[Francis Marion]. In this Campaign he was attached to Colonel Thompson's [Lieutenant Colonel William Russell Thomson's] Regiment he was taken sick while encamped in the Santee Swamp and was left by the Army a short time before the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] which he believes happened in September 1781, he was still sick at the place where the Army left him at the time of the Eutaw battle, he served out his full time of three months in this tour & received a discharge, he cannot now recollect the particular day of his entering into the Service nor the date of his discharge -- the same having been destroyed, nor does he recollect the precise date of any of the incidents herein mentioned but from the best of his memory they happened about the time above stated, he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his Services and knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the same. He does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was [born] in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia in the year 1756

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: The register of my birth was made in a family Bible and was burnt with my house about the year 1817 I have no other record of my age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived in Kershaw District in the State of South Carolina during all the time of the revolutionary War & when I was called into Service, I moved from Kershaw District in 1812 to Sumner County in the State of Tennessee. From Sumner County in Tennessee I removed in 1828 to my present residence in Franklin County Alabama where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I belonged to a volunteer company commanded by Captain Thomas Ballard in which Company I served as a Volunteer altogether at least ten months but at no one time longer than three months I never served in any other capacity than as a mounted Volunteer, at the time Captain Ballard made the three months tour mentioned in my foregoing declaration I do not now recollect whether him or his company volunteered and marched of their own accord or whether the proper authorities required him to do so.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I recollect that Colonel Washington [William Washington], Colonel Kimbrell & Colonel Thompson were with the troops where I served, but I do not recollect the particular regiments which they commanded I was with General Marion in the tour of three months which I made, the general circumstances of my services are stated in the foregoing declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I did receive a discharge. My house with all my Household effects was burnt about 15 years ago & my discharge was also burnt at the same time the discharge was given to me by Captain Thomas Ballard

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the

revolution.

Answer: I am known in my present neighborhood by John J. Hodges, Colonel John T. Abernathy, Major Elisha Meredith, Hugh M. Warren, William Leigh, Davis Gurley, Joseph D. Cropland & many others, all of whom I believe will testify as to my good character for veracity & good behavior but know nothing of my Services as a revolutionary Soldier except from reputation

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Andrew Graham, X his mark

[Platt Stout, a clergyman, and John J. Hodges gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On August 24, 1840, in Maury County, Tennessee, Francis Grayham [sic, Frances Graham], made application for a widow's pension as the widow of Andrew Graham; she states that he served at the battle of Hanging Rock; that he was drafted and placed in the service under Andrew & William Barnet [Andrew Barnett & William Barnett], one as Captain and the other as Lieutenant and was at the battle of Gates defeat and big Sandy; she states that she was within hearing of the firing at the Battle of the Hanging Rock; that she married Andrew Graham on December 27, 1777 [in a later filing she dates their marriage on December 27, 1783] when she was 17 years old in Kershaw County South Carolina; that her husband died in Franklin County Alabama March 20 1834 [in a later filing, she dates his death as occurring on March 16, 1834]; that she has no record of her marriage or of the births of her children but that her oldest child was born about twelve months after her marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 35: On September 6, 1841, in Murray County Tennessee, Nancy Ivy, a citizen of Hickman County aged about 81 or 2 years gave testimony that she was intimately and personally acquainted with Andrew Graham and his wife Frances formerly Francis Duren daughter of George and Nancy Duren; that Andrew and Frances were lawfully married in Cashaw County [sic] South Carolina by Thomas Welch Esquire sometime in the year that peace was proclaimed between the British and Americans in the revolutionary war; that affiant was at the wedding and salt the marriage ceremony performed. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Wife's maiden name was Frances Duren, daughter of George and Nancy Duren. She was born in Loudoun County, Virginia; in 1840, her son, Thomas Graham stated he was 40 years old and that he was his parents' 17th child, no names or ages of any other children are given in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]