

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Gregory W8876                      Sally Gregory                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky } Circuit Court April Term 1847  
Caldwell County } On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1847 Personally appeared, Before the Court in and for the aforesaid County, Thomas Gregory, Jr. Son of the late Thomas Gregory Sr. Dec'd. who was a Revolutionary Soldier of the United States, in the war of the Revolution, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, and subsequent act of Congress passed June 17<sup>th</sup> 1844 granting Four years pension to widows.

That this declarant the aforesaid Thomas Gregory Jr. in behalf of himself and the other heirs, of the said Thomas Gregory Sr. Dec'd. states that the said Thomas Gregory Sr. was a Continental Soldier, in the Virginia line, as the heirs understand and believes, He Enlisted, in the service, in the war of the Revolution In June 1776, under the following named offices To Wit Col Charles Harrison and Capt'n Samuel J. Cabell [Samuel Jordan Cabell], of Morgan [Daniel Morgan's] Rifle Corps. He the the aforesaid Thomas Gregory Sr Dec'd. Lived in Amherst County Virginia, when he Enlisted and went in the war of the revolution

He marched through the Jerseys to & was at the battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], and at the Battle of Monmouth in June 27<sup>th</sup> 1778 [sic: 28 Jun 1778] and he was at the Seige at Little York, 19<sup>th</sup> October 1781 and was present when, Cornwallice [sic: Cornwallis] was taken and, was in service until 1783 at which time He was discharged, as I have often heard Him, The aforesaid Thomas say, which discharge has been Lost or Destroyed. He the aforesaid Thomas Gregory Sr. Dec'd. returned back to Amherst County Virginia, and there lived until 1785. Then moved to Caldwell County Kentucky, and resided there in said county until his, the aforesaid Thomas Death, which occured in the year 1824 in the Latter part Thareof

The affiant further say, that the aforesaid Thomas Gregory Sr. Dec'd, was married to Salley Staples, in Amhurst County Virginia in the fall 1787 and his aforesaid wife Sally died in March 17<sup>th</sup> 1843.

The affiant further say that His wife the aforesaid Sally did not marry after the death of Her husband the aforesaid Thomas Gregory Sr. Decd. but continued his, the aforesaid Thomas widow Till her the afforesaid Salley's Death, which occurred 17<sup>th</sup> March 1843 – and left the following five Children, to wit Samuel Gregory, Joseph Gregory, Thomas Gregory, Abigail Gregory and Mary Ann Gregory, all of Lawful age. The affiant further claims for himself and the other heirs of the aforesaid Thomas Gregory Sr Decd the Land that is due the said Thomas for his service in the war of the revolution from the Government of the United, and also His Pension, that are due in wright of His and Mother Sally Gregory. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day and date above written.

Thomas hisXmark Gregory

Lyon County Kentucky Sct

Thomas Gregory of said County aged as near as he can tell about 63 years being sworn says he is one of the children of Thomas Gregory and Sally Gregory both dec'd. Viz

The said Thoms Gregory died in Caldwell County Kentucky (Now Lyon County) on the 10th day of June 1814 (Eighteen hundred and fourteen being the June previous to the Battle of New Orleans:

The above named Sally Gregory Survived him and remained his widow and never married again after his death and died in Caldwell (Now Lyon) County Kentucky on the 7th day of March 1842 (Eighteen hundred and forty two)

Refers to the accompanying affidavit of his son John W. Gregory in regard to the date of the year which I have heretofore stated differently; in explanation of which I have to say that I had no

memorandum of it and the mistake was the result of bad memory and miscounting of time  
My father the above named Thomas Gregory was in his lifetime a Soldier in the Service of the United States in the Virginia Continental Line in the Revolutionary War, as he always told me and as I have always believed

The following is my recollection of what he always told me Viz

That he was born and raised in Amherst County Virginia and that he enlisted early in the Revolutionary War in the Company (of Infantry I think) commanded by Captain Samuel or Samuel J. Cabell under Colonel Charles Harrison in the Virginia (Continental Line I think) Line and that he was marched to North and was at the battles of Brandywine and Mounmouth: He was taken prisoner once but I do not now remember where and kept six months before he was exchanged or released: He was also (I think) at the Siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown. I do not remember hearing him speak of having been under any Captain besides Cabell.

I used to hear my father and one Justinian Cartwright [pension application S30316] (who died in this County many years since talk of the war and understood from them that they knew each other before the Revolution and that they served together in the same Regiment though not in the same Company

I do not now remember the names of any more of his fellow soldiers I think that Justinian Cartwright named above drew a pension as a soldier of the Revolution up to his death – My father and said Cartwright served five years together when the said Cartwright was discharged as his time was out and so was my father but he took the place of his brother Jeremiah Gregory and served two years longer but under what officers I do not remember I have frequently heard my father say that he was entitled to Bounty Land for his services

The following named persons were all of the children of my father the above named Thomas Gregory and his wife Sally Gregory Viz

- 1 Samuel Gregory
- 2 Betsy who married Jacob Fowler
- 3 Joseph Gregory
- 4 Thomas Gregory this declarant
- 5 Jeremiah Gregory
- 6 John W. Gregory
- 7 Abigail who married William Pirtle
- 8 Mary Ann who married Samuel Henderson

Samuel Gregory, Betsy Fowler, Jeremiah Gregory, John W Gregory and Abigail Pirtle named above are all dead and have been for many years so that

- 1 Joseph Gregory
- 2 Thomas Gregory this declarant
- 3 Mary Ann Henderson now a widow are the present surviving and only present surviving children of the above named Thomas Gregory and his wife the above named Sally Gregory dec'd.

I have heretofore stated that my parents above named were married in Amherst County Virginia but in this I may be mistaken for upon reflection I remember that my other told me she was raised in Halifax County Virginia and it may be that they were married in that County. I remember also that she said that her brother Joseph Staples was opposed to her marriage with my father and that her father was dead

I can say that I always understood from them that they were lawfully married in that part of Virginia soon after the close of the Revolutionary but by whom I do not remember but think it was a Methodist preacher and that my mothers name before said marriage was Sally Staples

We once had a Bible containing their family record but my mother loaned it to the oldest brother Samuel Gregory and he took it with him to another county; he is now dead and his widow told me she did not know where the Bible was

I was as stated above their fourth child and I was old enough to be; and was, in Captain Cook's Company Kentucky Militia in "Hopkins Campaign" War 1812 for which I have lately received Land

Warrant No 96,575 for 40 acres under Act of September 28 1850

It may be that in some application I have stated dates of death of my father and mother and names of surviving children conflicting with the above in explanation of which I can only say that it was done through mistake My father died in June 1814 and the Records of Caldwell County Kentucky will no doubt shew that I administered with my mother on his estate that year

My brother Samuel and sister Abigail have died since my mother. My brothers Jeremiah and John W. and sister Betsy died before she did. There has probably heretofore been mistakes made in regard to dates and names and number of children in this case, which were I suppose the result of carelessness and misunderstanding and miscounting of time

Witness my hand in Lyon County Kentucky on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1854  
My father said Thomas Gregory was at least a portion of the time in Morgans Rifle Corpse.

Thomas hisXmark Gregory

NOTE:

An unsigned document states that the name Thomas Gregory was found on the rolls of Samuel Jordan Cabell's company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment for April through July 1777, with an entry showing that he entered the company on February 24, and that his name is on the rolls of Cabell's company in Morgan's Rifle Regiment for Aug through Oct 1777. The document also states that on 13 May 1784 then-Colonel Cabell received for a Thomas Gregory a depreciation payment appropriate for 12-months service by a private.

On 25 Apr 1854 John W. Gregory, about 33, son of Thomas Gregory, Jr., certified that Sally Gregory died in 1842 "in cold weather about the 1<sup>st</sup> of March perhaps as late as the 7<sup>th</sup>.... I remember distinctly that myself and Jacob Duncannon now dec cut some marks and I cut 'John' and he cut 'Jacob' on a beech tree the very day she was buried. I have recently examined that tree and find the date 1842...."