

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Graham S3423

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State of Tennessee, Morgan County

On this 10th day of October 1832, personally appeared in Open Court is full of John Childes, Aaron Slover & Isaac Miller three of the Acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting William Graham a resident of the said County & State and the said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee aged 83 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 passed June 7th 1832: that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He lived in Brunswick County Virginia at which place in the month of April 1779 he was drafted for a three months tour against the British under Captain Benjamin Jones in Colonel Frederick McLin's Regiment of Militia Rendezvoused at the Smoky ornery [sic ?] Marched to York Town there we Joined General Washington's Army we lay there till our time was out which was in July he was then honorably discharged his discharge was signed by the said Captain Jones which discharge is lost – he served at this time three months.

He removed to Caswell County North Carolina at which place in the month of March 1781 he was drafted for a three months tour against the British under Captain Aaron Harrell and Colonel William Watkins Regiment of Militia Rendezvoused at Salisbury marched to Savannah River where they Joined General Greene – we lay there till our time was out which was in June and was there Honorably discharged his discharge was signed by the said Captain Harrell which discharge is lost he served at this time three months.

Again while living in said Caswell County North Carolina, he was drafted for a 12 months tour against the British under Captain Swan Trouton [? Tranton ?] in Major Bennett Crafton's Regiment we had no Colonel Rendezvoused at Surin [?] Hall's in Franklin County NC on the waters of Tar River Marched to Hillsboro he lay there till March 1783 he then hired a Substitute by the name of John Hudgins to take his place and served out the balance of his time and when said substitute was received by his officers he was discharged he was drafted in October 1782 served through March 1783 making five months and served by his said substitute seven months making 12 months at this time if he is allowed for the time of his Substitute if not but five months his discharge is lost. He served in the whole 11 months in person and seven months by substitute. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. There is no clergyman living in his immediate neighborhood and he knows of no one by whom he can prove the report of his service. He hereby relinquishes 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 State. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ James McCann, D. Clk

S/ William Graham, X his mark

[James Travell and Michael Clardy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was born in Loudoun County, Virginia May 25, 1749; date of death is not in the file.]