

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Graham S3424

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State of Tennessee, Washington County: July Sessions 1834

On this 25th day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid Charles Graham a citizen thereof aged Sixty Eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated to wit he was born in the State of North Carolina in Guilford County in the year 1766 from the best information he can obtain in the absence of Record evidence of which he is deprived being illiterate & knowing nothing of there ever having been a record of family ages. That his father removed from Guilford North Carolina at an early period of the settlement of the Northwestern territory thereof (now Tennessee) at which time the Cherokee Indians who were in alliance with the British were on the immediate borders of the settlement and making daily incursions killing, depredating [sic] & plundering upon the exposed inhabitants that in the Spring of the year 1781 he volunteered under Captain James Robeson [James Robertson] in Washington County State of Tennessee then North Carolina and John Sevier Lieutenant and was marched to Horton's [could be Hester's] Fort at the Sycamore Shoals on Watauga River where he was stationed in guarding the inroads of the Cherokee Indians from the first day of May until the first of September thereafter being a tour of four months when the forces there were relieved by the arrival of Colonel Christy's [William Christian's] Regiment from Virginia.

He states that he returned home soon after being verbally discharged by his Captain Robeson.

Again in the following Summer he volunteered under Captain Thomas Wilson for a militia term and was marched to Wilson's Fort on the Great Limestone where he remained under the command of Colonel Sevier in excursions & scouts against the Cherokee Indians from the first of May until October having been less than six months a few days, say 5 ½ months, was discharged verbally by Captain Wilson & returned home. That the continued hostilities of the Indians called for another expedition the ensuing spring & he then volunteered under Captain Wilson & under Col. Sevier & was again marched to the Fort on Limestone & there after frequent skirmishes with the Indians served on that campaign four months & was for verbally discharged by said Captain Wilson. The war having been closed with the British he often served afterwards but for which he claims no compensation. That in the three several tours of duty he served on the whole for thirteen and half months in the Revolution for which he claims a pension. That he has no record evidence of his services nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his actual service but Allen Gillespie Esqr. & John Stout are known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish the reputation of his services, there being no minister of the gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the reputation of service. That he is not on the list of the agency of any state as a pensioner, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this date above first written.

Test: S/ Jas. Sevier, Clk

S/ Charles Graham, X his mark

By Saml. Greer [or Green], D. C.

[p 22: Allen Gillespie, Esq., & John Stout gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: April 29, 1837, veteran applied for a transfer of the pension to Vermilion County, Illinois]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.66 ½ per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 ½ months in the North Carolina militia.]