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Graves, Richard

S. 8598

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7015  
North Carolina  
Richard Graves

Given to in the State of North Carolina  
was a private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Henderson of the 1st. commanded  
by Lt. Green in the 1st. Co. in  
the 9th day of June '71

Entered on the Roll of North Carolina  
at the rate of 31 Dollars 33 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 25 day of July  
1833 and sent to  
Rufus J. Johnson Esq. Washington D.C.

Amount to 1st of March 1833. \$ 62.66  
Pension. Allowance ending Sept 1833. 15.66

\$ 78.32

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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Lib. R. R. Johnson  
2 June 1834

Lib. L. R. Johnson, 1834

Declaration.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress,  
Passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832,

State of South Carolina,

Anson County, I On this day of October 1832,  
I Receive Phillips and of the Acting Justices of the Peace of Anson County and  
State of South Carolina at the House of Richard Graves he being very infirm  
was duly sworn by me according to Law both on his oath & to the following  
Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provisions made by the act of  
Congress Passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832,

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary  
War as a Private Soldier by Enlistment the Year not recollecting he resided at  
that time in the State of South Carolina Chesterfield District near the South  
Carolina, but resides now in Anson County South Carolina & has for many years  
He was fifteen Years the active Months of age as his Father tells him of he recollects  
last night when he was taken into the service of the United States & he  
believes that he will be sixty seven Years of age the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December  
Next 1832, he has no register of his age, He was Enlisted with others and  
Called out into service under Capt Benjamin Hendricks & Maj. Lloyd  
and Marched to Badwater Point near Charleston supposed to be one hundred  
and Eighty Miles where he served as Guard one Month & ten days when his time  
of service expired but was Marched with others to James Island & was contin-  
ued in service ten days then Discharged he returned home continued  
two or three days at home he then was called out with others & was at Ch-  
=raw Hills then & under Capt Tristram Thomas was Marched to Back  
Swamp on Savannah River & under Col. Price he continued there a short time  
then Marched to Chatenon & on the way had a small fight at Pocahontas with  
a Party of the British, after was the Battle at Leno but was not in it was  
Marched to Charleston & there Stationed for sometime the Year not recollecting  
his time of service expired he was relieved by another Class & was discharged  
and returned home continued two or three Months then called out with others  
of his Class under Capt Thomas Elledge & Marched to Charleston & served under  
Gen. M<sup>rs</sup> Intosh & Gen. Lincolnhorn Commanded the regular Army at the time  
The British besieged & Took Charleston & he with the American army  
Was taken Prisoner of War He thinks at that time he served three Months

State of South Carolina,

Anson County, 5 October Term of the County Court 1822,

And the Court now sitting do Certify that <sup>James Conant</sup> ~~Richard Phillips~~ <sup>is a Member of this</sup> Court Late Before the Court the Declarations of Richard Graves the above named Applicant that the said Court are well acquainted with the above named Applicant & the Court are of opinion the above statements made by the Applicant is true & that he was a Soldier of the Revolution & is entitled to Credit.

And the Court do further Certify that Joel Cullage is a Seagymman and has been for many Years & is entitled to Credit, And the Court now sitting have set their signatures,

Geo. B. Boston  
Attest  
Solomon McKinnon

State of South Carolina,

Anson County, 5 October Term of the County Court 1822,

I William Dismukes Clerk of the County Court of Anson do Certify that <sup>James Conant</sup> ~~Richard Phillips~~ is a Justice of the Peace in the County of Anson, a Member of the County Court & that the above contains the Proceedings of the said ~~Richard Phillips~~ and the Court now sitting concurs in the same whose signatures are above set,

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal of Office this 5th day of October 1822,

Wm Dismukes Clerk

And sixteen days he does not recollect the Year but thinks it was in the Spring of the Year he was Paroled & returned home & continued under Parole till exchanged he does not recollect the length of time. He was called out again in the Class under Capt. Thomas Elledge & served under Gen. Marion. And marched to Santa River from there near Charleston thence back to Santa River his time of service expired & relieved by another Class was discharged returned home continued two or three Months he then was called with the Class under Capt. Morris Murphy & served under Gen. Marion & marched to the round Oce to the South of Charleston thence back to Santa River was then relieved by the next Class served one Month & ten days which was the length of time the Class served. Discharged & returned home continued two or three months then called out under Lieut. Charles Jackson & served under Gen. Marion up and down Santa River one Month & ten days relieved by a Class discharged and returned home continued two or three Months then called out under Capt. Brookinton & marched down on Secuse Bay between Georgetown & Charleston from there to Santa River his time of service expired was relieved by next Class & discharged served one Month & ten days returned home after called out to go with others to said Charleston he states that he continued serving in the above way to the end of the War.

The above Statement is just as far as now recollects his Discharges and Parole he has lost but can prove his service by Thomas Davis who served with him at the time the British took Charleston & was taken Prisoner & served several Towns of duty together. He states Davis resided in the same neighborhood at that time & does yet. He further states that he could also prove his services in part by an other Man who resided in the same neighborhood then and does yet who served with him in behalf of his Country then & now & yet he does not like to call on such evidence of service.

He states that he was brought into the service so young & illiterate ~~and~~ and served so many Calls & marched from place to place that it is impossible for him to recollect all the Particulars at this time, Month or Year & that he has never received any pay for his services.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except The present & declares that his Name is not on the Pension Role of the agency of any State. Sworn to & Subscribed the day & Year aforesaid  
Richard Graves  
LONDON



And at the same time of place Personally appeared before me <sup>James L. Phillips</sup> Reuben Phillips  
and of theiding Justice of the Peace of the County of State of said Thomas Davis  
who being duly sworn according to Law depose & say that he is well acquaint-  
= ted with Richard Graves the above named Applicant that he served with him  
in the Revolutionary War, and that he was in service with him when Char-  
= les was taken by the British & was taken Prisoner with him & believes him to be  
a faithful Soldier that the Statement set forth by the said Richard Graves in the  
above Declaration are true so far as my serving with said Graves & that he resides  
in the same Neighborhood at that time & does testify,

Sworn to & subscribed day & date aforesaid,

*James L. Phillips*  
Justice of the Peace

And we ~~the~~ Reuben Phillips & John White Thomas Davis  
do hereby certify that we reside in the same State & Neighborhood of Thomas Davis & have for many years  
and are well acquainted with said Davis & he is entitled to Credit,

Sworn to & subscribed day & date aforesaid,

*Reuben Phillips*  
Justice of the Peace

*John White*  
Justice of the Peace

*Richard Smith*  
Justice of the Peace

I Joel Gullage blaggman do certify that he is well acquainted with  
Reuben Phillips & John White who is subscriber to the above Certificate  
that they are entitled to Credit,

Sworn to & subscribed day & date aforesaid,

*Reuben Phillips*  
Justice of the Peace

I Joel Gullage blaggman do certify that he resides in the same State County  
and Neighborhood of Richard Graves the above Applicant & am well acquainted  
with him forty eight years & he has been a respectable Member of the Church  
for many years & continues so that he believes him to be of the age herein stated  
that he is entitled to have been a Soldier of the Revolution & is entitled to Credit,

Sworn to & subscribed day & date aforesaid,

*Reuben Phillips*  
Justice of the Peace

And the said Reuben Phillips am well acquainted & has been for many years  
with Richard Graves the above Applicant do hereby declare his opinion after  
The Investigation of the Matter & after Putting the Interrogatories Prescribed by the  
War Department the above named Applicant was a Soldier of the Revolution & served  
as stated & is entitled to Credit,

*Joel Gullage*  
Justice of the Peace

*James L. Phillips*  
Justice of the Peace

State of South Carolina,

Anson County. 5 October Term of the County Court 1832,

And the Court now sitting do certify that Reubin Phillips <sup>James Anderson</sup> Member of this Court Late before the Court the Declarations of Richard Graves the above named Applicant that the said Court are well acquainted with the above named Applicant & the Court are of opinion the above Statements made by the Applicant is true & he was a Soldier of the Revolution & is entitled to Credit.

And the Court do further certify that Joel Gullage is a Blaggymen and has been for many Years & is entitled to Credit, And the Court now sitting have set their signatures,

James Anderson  
Allen G. Gullage  
Solomon McKinnon

State of South Carolina,

Anson County. 5 October Term of the County Court 1832,

I William Dismukes Clerk of the County Court of Anson do certify that Reubin Phillips <sup>James Anderson</sup> is a Justice of the Peace in the County of Anson & a Member of the County Court & that the above contains the Proceedings of the said Reubin Phillips and the Court now sitting concurs in the same whose signatures are above set.

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal of Office this 5th day of October 1832,

Wm Dismukes  
Clerk

Attest  
5th Oct 1832  
James Anderson

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Rich<sup>d</sup>. Graves  
Anson County N.C.

from 1777 present  
9 months & 12 days  
\$31.  $\frac{33}{100}$

Rufus J. Johnson  
Wadesboro' N.C.



**BRIEF in the case of** *Richard Graves*  
**County of Anson** *in the State of North Carolina*  
**(Act 7th June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Two Justices of Peace*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity? *Yes*
3. How old is he? *67*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years.	Months.	Days.		
In 1779 or 1780		1	16	<i>private</i>	<i>Gen. Spotswood</i>
			10		<i>Capt. Hendricks</i>
		3	16		<i>Capt. Thomas</i>
		1	10		<i>Col. Bree</i>
		1	10		<i>Gen. Mawson</i>
		1	10		<i>Major Lloyd</i>
		9	12		

5. In what battles was he engaged? *None*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *South Carolina Chesherford Dist*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *tradition & living witnesses*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *in due form*

**I certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Chas M Forest*  
 Examining Clerk.

Per May

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INVALID.

File No.

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Richard Graves

Priv. Rev. War

Act:

from 1<sup>st</sup> 1839

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

**BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of**  
*Richard Graves*  
**further proof or explanation.**

- I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? *yes*
- II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? *yes*
- III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?
- IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? *yes*
- V. \* Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? *yes*
- VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? *yes*
- VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? *yes*
- VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? *yes*
- IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? *yes*
- X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? *yes*

- XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? *yes*
- XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it?
- XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had?
- XIV. †If the applicant's name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service?  
If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses? *yes*  
Has the proper officer certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct? *yes*
- XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service? *yes*
- XVI. †Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? *yes*
- XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered? *1, 2, 4 not answered*

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES.

\***QUERE V.** In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:  
"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, depose and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ months, and \_\_\_\_\_ days, I served as a \_\_\_\_\_; For \_\_\_\_\_ months and \_\_\_\_\_ days, I served as a \_\_\_\_\_; and for such service I claim a pension."

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the tours; the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must in every case be clearly shown under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

†**QUERE XIV. *Proof of Service.***

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

†**QUERE XVI. *Mode of authenticating papers.***

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

☞ In every case where the clerk of the court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.



Richard Graves  
Sept 29 1832

William W. W. W.  
Washington City  
D. C.



September 29<sup>th</sup> 1860  
State of Tennessee Henderson County

and Eliza J. J. as look and see whether  
Richard Graves was pensioner or not his  
grandmother thinks he was and she got  
me to writ to you and see the said Graves  
lived in no the Carolina Anderson County  
She said he was an old soldier and if  
he is want you to writ to me and if he int  
writ also whether he was a pensioner or not  
and you will oblige your friend

Levi Adams  
the said Graves is dead but when he died I dont  
now

## SOURCE INFORMATION

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