

Pension Application for John Gray

R.4221

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed of the 7th of June 1832 & 4 July 1836.

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

Be it know that on this 22 day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty tow, personally appeared before the Hon. Ralph McIntosh special surrogate in and for the County of Oneida and State of New York John Gray a reputable person aged 58 years a resident of Higginsville in the County and State aforesaid and Lewis Gray to credible person aged 56 years of that same place, who are the children and legitimate heirs of John Gray and Charity Gray both deceased, and who being severally duly sworn according to law doth each for himself makes oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 or an other act of Congress under which these declarants may be entitled to the arrears of pension which was due their said father John Gray deceased, and which he neglected to apply for in his life time, and also to any amount which might have been due his widow Charity Gray who survives him, and who never applied for the same under the act of July 4th 1836, or any other act of Congress which might have entitled the said Charity Gray, Act 7 July 1938.

That the said John Gray entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served so herein stated, to wit, that he enlisted sometime in or about the month of January or February in the year of our Lord 1779 as a Private in the Third Regiment of New York Troops in Continental Line commanded by Colonel Peter Gansevoort in a company commanded by Captain VanBenschottens in the Revolutionary War and served therein for the full period of three years when he was honorably discharged sometime in or about the months of January or February in the year of our Lord 1781 as these declarants were informed by their said father and which they verily believe true.

They further declare that their said father died at Ashtabula in Ashtabula County in State of Ohio on the 20th day of September A.D. 1847 at the age of 86 years, leaving a widow Charity Gray their mother formerly Charity Chase to whom he was married by the Rev. Mr. Ashley on the 14th day of September A.D. 1783, immediately [immediately] after the expiration of his service who continued to live and unmarried at the town of Frederick was in the county of Ashtabula and State of Ohio until the 16th day of December 1849 when she died without having applied for the pension or arrears to which she was entitled as they have understood and believe true, and therefore hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except said arrears herein claimed, and these declarants further say that there is now in the possession of the first named declarant the old family bible of said John Gray deceased which contains the following record in the handwriting of the said John Gray much obliterated by lapse of time to wit;

“1785 14th Sept.”

“John Gray was married to Charity Chase.”

“Births”

“Benjamin Gray was born May 16th 1785.”

“Hannah Gray was born Dec 30th 1788.”

“Juda Gray was born Oct 13th 1790.”

“William Gray was born May 11th 1793.”

“Lewis Gray was born April 2d 1797.”

“David Gray was born Oct 17th 1799.”

“Samuel Gray was born March 25th 1801.”

“Draper Gray was born Sept. 20th 1803.”

Also “Death” in the handwriting of Lewis Gray.

“John Gray died 28th Sept. 1847.”

“Charity Gray died 16th Dec. 1849.”

“Benjamin Gray died _____

“Hannah Davis died 11th May 1851.”

“William Gray died 15th June 1848.”

“Samuel Gray died 20th Oct 1952.”

Which is all there is recorded in said bible and the whole of said original record and this declarant further declare that by reason of bodily infirmity—they are prevented from appearing in Open Court is the reason, why their declaration is made before the Hon. Ralph McIntosh at the office of Hon. Timothy Jenkins M.C. in the village of Oneida Castle the second named declarant said Lewis Gray being unable to go to his office in the village of Vernon.

They further say that they are informed that there will be no Court held in said County of Oneida until the 14th day of March 1853, when the Supreme Court will be held at Utica a distance from the residence of these deponent of about 30 miles—and they verily believe at the setting of said court they will be incapacitated to attend said court. (Signed with their marks) John Gray, Lewis Gray.

Witness H. L. Jenkins, R. McIntosh.