

### **Pension Application for John Gray**

W.16278 (Widow: Mary)

State of New York

Fulton County SS.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1841 personally appeared before the Court of common Pleas of the said County of Fulton and State of New York now sitting Mary Gray a resident of the town of Ephratah in the said County of Fulton aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of John Gray who was a private in the army of the revolution and served as set forth in the accompanying documents, this declarant being unable to specify the particulars of the service of her said husband from her own personal knowledge not being married to him until after the said war of the revolution but from the testimony which she has been enabled to obtain and which accompany this her declaration she has good reason to believe that her said husband served as therein stated and on which she rests her claim.

She further declares that during said war her husband the said John Gray resided in Ephratah aforesaid. That she was married to him the said John Gray on the twenty seventh day of March seventeen and eighty six in the town of Palatine by the Reverend Mr. Rees. That previous to her marriage her maiden name was Mary Snell and that she resided in Palatine Montgomery County.

That her husband the aforesaid John Gray died on the fourteenth day of May eighteen hundred and one. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Mary Gray

In witness whereof I Tobias A. Stoutenburgh clerk of the said Court, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court January 18<sup>th</sup> 1841.  
T. A. Stoutenburgh

Letter in folder dated May 9, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of John Gray, born in 1762, died in 1800, wife, Mary Shell, served in Colonel Klock's Regiment from Palatine, also War of 1812 records of John and Nicholas Gray, brothers.

You are furnished herein the history of John Gray, who served in the Revolutionary War and Nicholas Gray, who served in the War of 1812. No War of 1812 record could be identified as that of the John Gray in whom you are interested.

John Gray

W.16278

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.16278, based upon military service in that war of John Gray.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of John Gray are not shown.

While residing at Ephratah, Fulton County, New York, John Gray enlisted and served at different times from 1779 to 1782, at least two years in all as a private under Lieutenant Alexander Turner, Captains Severines Cock or Cook and Edward Long, Colonels Klock, Peter Wagoner and Alexander Webster in the New York Troops.

He died May 14, 1801, place not shown.

The soldier married March 27, 1786, in Palatine or Stone Arabia, New York, Mary Snell, of said Palatine. The date of her birth and names of her parents are not stated. Her name is not borne as Shell.

Mary, widow of John Gray, was allowed pension on her application executed January 18, 1841, at which time she was aged seventy-two years and resided in Ephratah, New York.

No reference was made to children.

In 1840, Catharine Gray, aged seventy-four years, made affidavit in Fulton County, New York, that she was a sister of the widow, Mary Gray. She stated that she (Catharine) was married in July following the marriage of her sister to John Gray, but did not give her husband's name or whether or not he was a relative of the said John Gray.

Nicholas Gray  
S.12923

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in War of 1812 pension Claim, W.O. 12923, based on account of whose service in the War of 1812 claim for pension was made to the united States.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Nicholas gray were not shown.

The soldier married June 15, 1828, in Aurora, state not given, Sophia Gordon, who was deceased in 1871. There are no further data in regard to her.

In 1851, soldier was residing in Kendall County, Illinois.

On April 28, 1871, at which time he was aged eighty-eight years and resided in Montgomery, Kane County, Illinois, Nicholas gray applied for the pension which might be due on account of his services in the War of 1812, and stated that he enlisted at Palatine, New York, and served from September 20, 1812, or 1813 to December 20, 1812 or 1813, as orderly sergeant in Captain Edward Carey's Company, New York Militia.

His claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service as required by the pension laws.

No reference is made to children.

In 1871, Rufus Gray resided in Montgomery, Illinois; no relationship to soldier was shown.