

Pension Application for Thomas Gray

S.43636

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this sixth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber first Judge of the Court of Common pleas of the County of Washington and State of New York afforsaid personally appears Thomas Gray aged sixty four years resident in Hebron in the County and State afforsaid who being my me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land, and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War".

That the said Thomas Gray enlisted in Fredericksburgh in Dutchess County in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Pelton of the second New York Regiment in the month of January or February one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven.

That he continued to serve in the said corps in the service of the United States until the conclusion of the said Revolutionary War, when he was discharged from the service at Newburgh in the State of New York in the month of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty three when the army was disbanded. That he was in both battles at Stillwater against General Burgoyne and at the taking of Cornwallis at York town.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said serv ice.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year first afforsaid. (Signed with his mark) Thomas Gray.

Anthony Blanchard. First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Washington in the State of New York.

Letter in folder dated August 24, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.43636, based on the military service of Thomas Gray.

The date and place of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

Thomas Gray enlisted in Fredericksburgh, Dutchess County, New York, in January or February, 1777, served as private in Captains Benjamin Pelton's and Jonathan Hallett's companies in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second York Regiment, was in both battle of Stillwater, was at the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown and was discharged in June, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 6, 1818, at which time he was living in Hebron, Washington County, New York, aged sixty-four years.

Thomas Gray died March 31, 1821.

The papers in this claim contain no reference to wife and children of the soldier.