

Pension Application for James Gregg

W.17025 (Widow: Mary, granted pension of \$480 per annum.)

B.L. Wt.826-300. Capt. Issued July 3, 1790 to Nathan Brewster administrator on the estate of J.G.

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 12th day of December in the year 1836, personally appeared before the undersigned, Augustus F. Ferris, one of the Judges of Cayuga County in & for the county aforesaid it being a Court of Record, Mary Gregg of the town of Victory in said County aged seventy four years who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on her oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1832. That she is the widow of James Gregg (who as this deponent has often been informed and now believes, a Captain in the Continental Army (1) during the war of the Revolution that he entered the service of the United States on or about the first of the war, as this deponent has been informed by her husband, James Gregg and verily believes the same was true, and has also been informed that he joined the New York Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Gansvoort, (2) that he the said James Gregg continued in the service as Captain to the end of the war as she has always understood and now believes, and also that he was wounded at or near Fort Stanwix (3) & scalped by an Indian and this deponent further declares that she was born in the year 1762, and was married to said James Gregg in Bloomingrove Orange County about the year 1782 by the Rev'd Constant, that she kept no record of her age or marriage either in the Bible or otherwise, that her said husband James Gregg died on the 22d day of September 1785 and that she has remained his widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the evidence hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Mary Gregg

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of December 1836, before me. Augustus F. Ferris One of the Judges of Cayuga County courts.

State of New York

Wayne County SS.

Matthew Brewster of Sterling in the County of Cayuga being duly sworn, desposes and says that he was acquainted with Captain James Gregg who was an officer in the revolutionary army, that he had seen the scar on Captain Gregg's head which was caused (as said Captain Greg informed deponent, and which said appearance – verily believes to be true) by being scalped by an Indian that said Captain James Gregg after he had received said wound married Mary Brewster, now Mary Gregg, whereas sister to said deponent, that said Captain Gregg died some years ago, and that Mary Gregg now of the town of Victory is the widow of said James Gregg. And further saith not. (Signed) Matthew Brewster.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of Nov 1836. Amos Snyder, Justice of the Peace.
Reply to letter of inquiry dated July 9, 1925.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.17025 it appears that James Gregg served from an early period of the Revolution as a Captain in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third Regiment of the New York Line, and while at Fort Stanwix in 1777 was wounded by a ball shot through his body, and at the same time was tomahawked and scalped by an Indian. He served until the army was disbanded in 1783. He was a member of the Cincinnati. He died September 22, 1785 in Albany, New York. The date and place of his birth are not given.

Soldier married in 1782 in Bloomingrove, Orange County, New York, Mary Brewster who was born in June 1762. She was allowed pension on her application executed December 12, 1836 while a resident of Victory, Cayuga County, New York. She died June 24, 1844. It is not stated whether they had children.

End Notes—W.17025—James Gregg

1. James was appointed Second Lieutenant on June 28, 1775 in Captain John Nicholson's Second Company in Colonel James Clinton's Third New York Continental Regiment. James was appointed First Lieutenant on June 26, 1776 in Colonel Lewis DuBois' unnumbered New York Continental Regiment.
2. James was appointed captain of the Sixth Company on November 21, 1776 in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment.
3. Captain Gregg and Corporal Samuel Mattison were attacked on June 25, 1777 near Fort Schuyler (Fort Stanwix). Corporal Mattison was killed and Captain Gregg was left dying but he recovered from his wounds and continued to serve until the end of the war. In 1779, Captain Gregg with the Third New York served in the Sullivan-Clinton Expedition. On January 1, 1781, the First and Third New York Continental Regiments were consolidated and Captain Gregg was transferred to the First New York under Colonel Goose VanSchaick. Captain Gregg served in the Yorktown, Va. Campaign with the First New York from September 28 to October 19, 1781. Captain Gregg remained with the regiment until he was discharged in June 1783 at the New Windsor Cantonment near Newburgh, N.Y.