## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Grasty R4201A Lucy fn43SC
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## Commonwealth of Kentucky, Trigg County

On this 29th day of August 1832, personally appeared Before the Circuit Court in and for said County of Trigg aforesaid, John Grasty a resident of said County of Trigg and State of Kentucky, aged 70 years, who being first duly sworn in open Court, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia in the year 1762, and that his Father removed from thence to South Carolina when he was but a boy & settled in Ninety Six District & resided there until the Revolutionary War came on, here his Father was Drafted into the militia Service for three months in 1777, and then this Deponent turned out and served the three months Tour in his Father's place, in his 15th year, he marched through Edgefield to Augusta Town on Savannah River, he served in this Tour under Captain John Liles, Major Thomas Gordon, Colonel John Liles & General Williamson. This Deponent was next drafted for three months & served in his own place in the year 1779. He now served under the same officers that he served under in his first Tour, in this Tour he was in the Battle at Stono. He next turned out as a Volunteer under Major John Liles, Colonel James Liles & General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], and was in the Battle between General Sumter & Colonel Tarleton on Tyger River near Blackstocks Ford. He next served as a Volunteer for three months under Captain Henry Liles, & General Morgan. He further saith that during that Troublesome times it was generally so dangerous to be at home, that he was almost Continually in the service, Either guarding prisoners or other service, and that he thinks that from his first entering the Service to the Termination of the War, that he must have been in the Service of the United States Between two & three years.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, Except the present, and Declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to, and subscribed, the year and the date aforesaid.

S/ John Grasty

[Neighbors John Mabry and Russel Curtis gave a standard supporting affidavit.] [Dudley Williams, a Baptist clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit]

## Commonwealth of Kentucky, Trigg County

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Trigg County State aforesaid John Grasty aged 70 years who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration as an amendment to a formal declaration (attached hereto) in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, That he was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia on the 16th of September 1762. That he has a record of his age in a book at home, which record he obtained of

his mother after the death of his father. That he received a discharge from Colonel John Liles, which was burnt up in his house, which was burnt in 1786 or 1787. That during the latter part of the year 1780 & the year 1781 he was almost constantly in the Service and chiefly under the same General officers, that were mentioned in the former declaration, but that he was so frequently out in small scouting parties he cannot recollect the particular officers under whom he was -- That he was in the year 1781 at the taking of the Congaree Fort -- there was a party of militia among whom he was, they lay around the Fort for two weeks, until General Lee upon his return from the battle of Eutaw Springs, came with his cannon & took the Fort. That by reason of loss of memory, he cannot State the precise periods & length of times he served but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than 12 months in addition to the four tours of three months each, which he served & which is mentioned in the former declaration -- and all not less than two years & for which he claims a pension. That he is known to General John J. Dyer, Thomas Wadlington, Blake Baker & David Mitchell also the honorable Chittenden Lyon member of Congress from this district of his neighborhood, who can testify as to his general character or veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier in the Revolution. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first written.

S/ John Grasty

S/ Thos. McFarland, JP

[On February 8, 1847, in Trigg County, Ky, Sashal Grasty, son of John Grasty filed under the 1838 act stating that his father was a pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum for his revolutionary services; that his father married his mother Lucy Litchpatrick [?] in 1791 in Newberry District SC; that his father died November 17, 1833; and that his mother died October 6, 1839]

[facts in file: John Grasty married Frances [maiden name not given] November 15, 1785; she died November 17, 1786; he then married July 7, 1791 in Newberry District Lucy Fitchpatrick [?]; John and Frances had one child, Polley, born August 21, 1786; Lucy died survived by the following children:

Sashel; John M.; William and Harvey Grasty.]