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William Gay

of Hamilton Co in the State of Florida
who was a private in the 1st Regt of Florida
by Captain George Cook of the 1st Regt commanded
by Col Lytle in the North Florida
line for 11 months. 115842

Inscribed on the Roll of Florida
at the rate of 36 Dollars 66 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 13th day of Sept
1839, for James A. Pedem
Mineral Springs, Florida

Appears to the 1st of Sept 1839 \$311.62
Semi-annual allowance ending 4th Decr 40 1839

\$327.12

Revolutionary &
Not June 7, 1

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Letter to 3rd Auditor 15th Sep
Paid at the Treasury in
the Act of Messrs. A. Brown
from 1st March 1831. to 1st Sep
1840. Apts. notified 30. Sep 1841
see letter to Hon. S. Levy Oct. 7. 1844

Territory of Florida

Middle District

County of Hamilton

On the third day of June A.D. One thousand Eight hundred & thirty two, personally appeared before the Court of the Middle District of Florida, Hamilton County, now sitting, William Bay, a resident of the County of Hamilton of the Territory of Florida aforesaid, aged about Eighty one or two years, who on being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the seventh day 1832. That he served in the military service of which one all Cree was in Capt. Little's regiment of which one all Cree was Major & that he was attached to the Company of 2^d Regt. Commanded by Capt. Peter De Bole, that he entered the said service some time about the month of July of 1780 or 81 or 82 (from evident defect of memory) he does not seem to recollect which of the years '80. or '82 in which he entered, but is confident of the fact of his having served the term of thirteen months which term co-termined with the end of the war & that he continued in the service in the same post in which he began that the only engagement he was in, was with a party of regulars armed & equipped by the British in the Town of Charleston in the State of South Carolina, that on this particular expedition, he was, as near as he can now recollect, commanded by a Capt. Drayton Belmont. That his regular station was on the Ashley River about thirty five miles above Charleston in the State of South Carolina. That he was a resident of the State of South Carolina & County of Edgecomb at

the time he entered the service. That he was drafted into the 2^d service. That he marched with his Regt. from the State of North Carolina to the lower part of South Carolina to the place on the Ashley River in that State where the Regt. was stationed & already stated. While in the 2^d service he served in the same service in which regulars were engaged (as he thinks) & was commanded by a Capt. Stewart and a Major Eggleston (the only thing that he knows of the regular Army). That he has no papers or other things that would show his services, nor does he know of any one living who's testimony he can produce to testify as to his services; that he relinquishes all claim to any other pensions except what he expects to obtain from this declaration. That he draws no pension from any State, nor is he on any pension roll of any State of the United States to his knowledge. That the reason he has not hitherto obtained a pension is owing to his not having found any one competent to direct him in the course necessary to doing so; that a Mr. Leary a lawyer of St. Augustine once undertook to procure it for him, but he failed from some cause in doing so; that he undertook about four years ago that he was then living in Alachua County in this Territory.

Being asked the following questions, gave the answers therein generally & respectively answered to wit:
1. When & where were you born? He answers that he was born in the County of Edgecombe in the State of North Carolina about the year One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight; but from defect of memory cannot

day definitely as to time.

2) How you may recollect of your age to the
answer. That he had in George's record of his
age, but that he comes away & forgets it.

3. When was you living when you entered the
service of the United States? and in
Answer. That he was living in Edgewood County
in the State of North Carolina.

4. When have you lived since the Revolutionary
war? Answer - In North Carolina, the State of
Georgia and in this Territory where he now resides.

5. How were you called into the service of the United
States? Answer. By draft in the proportion of one in
every twenty.

On being asked the name of the regular Officer
who was with the Troop in the same service with
the Company to which he belonged, or any of the
Officers of the Continental or Militia regts. which
he might have recollections of; he answers
that he can state no other names than those
of Capt. Stewart & Major Eglington; that he has
forgotten the names of all other, and can state
no other circumstances but those above related.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the
Service? if so, by whom was it given & what
has become of it? He answers, that he recd.
a discharge from his Capt. Peter De Coker, and
that he left it in North Carolina at the time
he

he left the state for Georgia to which latter state he
remained some years after the termination of the
war, and that he did not think his discharge
of any importance to him, & that he has never been
back to either the Carolina or Georgia.

He was then asked to state the names of persons
having a knowledge of him, and of his character
for veracity & that might be able to testify as to
them as to his claims for services as a
Revolutionary soldier. He answered that all the
inhabitants of the County know of him, & particularly
his general character, but names particularly
his neighbor the Rev. Joseph Bryant and
David S. Whitehurst the latter of which has
known him for about twenty five years.

William J. Guy
Clerk

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Archd. W. Rice
Clerk

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Superior Court for the Counties of Columbia and Alachua in
the District of East Florida. December 1832.

Sheweth:

On this twenty seventh day of December in the
Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty
Three personally appeared before the Superior Court of the Eastern
District of Florida William Gay a resident of the
County of Columbia in the said District, aged twenty four
years five months and seventeen days, who being first duly
sworn according to law, with on his oath made the following
declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions
made by the Act of Congress passed June seventh, one
thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States
in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two
with a recruiting officer named Armstrong (his name), and
served in the second Regiment (as well as he can recollect) of
the North Carolina line under the following named officers
Lieut. General Steele, Colonel Archibald Spotswood, Major
McRae (whose first name he believes was Ben) as Field Officers,
and Captain Peter Ducot, First Lieutenant John Ford,
Second Lieutenant Pell, and orderly Sergeant Charles
Westwood as company officers; that he left the service in the
year of 1782; that he resided in the County of Edgecombe
in the said State of North Carolina when he entered the ser-
-vice, that the march was through North Carolina to the State
of South Carolina to the head quarters on Ashley River,
that while there stationed he was engaged in several skirmishes
upon reconnoitering expeditions to the British lines, in
one of which the party to which he was attached lost three men
and killed four of the enemy, and in another of which he was
engaged against a party of mounted black men, of whom ten were
killed and as many taken prisoner.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any
other pension or annuity, except the present - and he
declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any
agency in any state

William X ^{his} Gay
Mary

Witness and subscribed the day
aforesaid (the deponent being blind
and making his mark).

Robert Raymond Reed
Judge

And the said Court does hereby acknowledge and declare
its opinion that the above named applicant was a
Revolutionary soldier, and record as the state.

Robert Raymond Reed
Judge of the Superior Court
for the State of Florida

Superior Court.
Colombia County,
Dist. of Florida

J. J. Dell

J. James Dell, Clerk of the Superior

Court for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify, that the foregoing
contains a true copy of the original proceedings of the said Court

