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NUMBER

N.C.

Graves Boston

R. 4213

Sarah

Born in Penn.

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Bast Tannefee

Boston Gravels

of Knox Co. in the State of Tennessee  
who was a privateer in the Company com-  
manded by Captain Rogers of the regeft com-  
manded by Col. Ordin. C. in the M.C. Mar.  
time for 1 yr. fr 1781.

Let. 21 Oct 41 Recd  
Graves  
Let. to do 29 Dec 1841

Inscribed on the Roll of B. Tannefee  
at the rate of 40 Dollars — (Cont'd per ann.  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 10 day of July  
1833 — and sent to Messy  
Jeron. Knoxville

Arrears to the 4th of March 1833 \$ 80.  
Semianual allowance ending 4 Sep 20-

\$ 100.

{ Revolutionary Claim  
Act June 7, 1832

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Declaration of Boston Gravus in order to obtain the benefit of  
the act of congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832  
State of Pennsylvania.

Monroe County Circuit Court for said county at August  
Session 1832 on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared  
in open court before the Honorable Samuel Powell one of  
the judges of the Circuit Courts in and for the State of Pennsylvania  
being courts of record, at a Court for the County of Monroe now  
setting, Boston Gravus a resident of said County and State  
aged near ~~eighty~~ <sup>eighty</sup> five years. Who being first duly sworn  
according to law, doth on his oath make the following  
declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of  
congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he was born in

~~County~~ in the state of Pennsylvania on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Octo-  
ber 1747 from thence he remove to the state of North  
Carolina, <sup>Orange County</sup> where he continued to reside until sometime  
in the year of 1779, the month and day not recollect'd at  
present, he was drafted from Capt. W<sup>m</sup> Clegg, Company of  
militia to perform a tour of duty of five or six months  
in the army of the United States, applicant states that at that  
time himself and a certain William Gravus were engaged  
in partnership in the Blacksmith business equally the said  
William Gravus being a single man and applicant a man of a  
family it was agreed by the parties that said William Gravus  
perform the tour of duty and that applicant continue  
at their business and divide their profits equally which  
was done some time in the year of 1779 or 1780 not recollect'd  
at this, applicant was drafted a second time for a tour of  
five or six months, applicant wife, Brother John Eddison  
whom he raised and who was then living with applicant  
and being a single man took <sup>his</sup> place in the army and  
divid that tour of duty for ~~one~~ him, some time after  
that as well as applicant now recollect's in the year 1783 he  
was drafted a third time for a tour of three months,  
he hired a substitute for that tour

applicant further states that sometime in the year of 1781  
that he was drafted a fourth time for the term of three  
months this in Capt. W<sup>m</sup> Rogers' Company of Militia and  
attached to a Regiment of Militia commanded by Col.  
William O'Neill and a part of the Brigade commanded  
by General John Butler. applicant and <sup>for</sup> eight  
were ordered to work out their tour of duty, at the  
Blacksmith business for the army they commenced  
and continued at work for some time when the  
British army came into their neighbourhood which  
alarmed the country and put an end to their work.  
applicant was then ordered to Hillsborough N.C. Orange  
County to guard the town against the Tories  
the day after he arrived at Hillsborough he was taken  
prisoner by the Tories together with his Lieutenant  
John Campbell Col. Little and Governor Birch with a  
number of others ~~so~~ they were taken from thence  
by the Tories to the raft swamp where they were  
delivered up to the British army from thence they  
were marched on to Wilmington and put on board  
a ship where they were continued about four  
weeks they were then put on board another ship  
and taken to Charleston S. Carolina where they were  
put on board of another ship, until they were dis-  
charged from the time applicant left Hillsborough  
until he returned home was eleven months and  
the time he was engaged at work for the army  
was something over one month, applicant has no docu-  
mentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony  
he can procure who can testify to his service except the certificate  
of Mary Gibbs which is filed in this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity  
except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of  
the Agency of any state.

Swear to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Boston J. Green  
in Orange County Will Sworn etc. <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub>

State of New Hampshire  
Knox County I, Sarah Gravas do hereby certify  
that I am the widow and only wife of Boston  
Graves a Revolutionary Personne of the United States  
and his conformity with the law of the United States  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1832 he was placed on the pension  
Roll and has received from the Agent of the United States  
for paying pension in East Simplici forty dollars per  
annum from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1831 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March  
1840. and that he departed this life on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
April 1840. Now I do hereby claim my allowance as a  
widow of the Revolutionary war in Conformity to the  
provisions made by the law of the United States.

Given under my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of June 1841  
Boston Graves  
Sarah F. Gravas  
George Gravas  
John Gravas  
Henry Gravas

I Henry Gravas attorney for the above named Boston  
Graves do hereby certify that I did see Boston Graves die  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1840 and that Sarah  
Graves is the widow and only wife of said  
Boston Graves Dec'd. Given under my hand and  
Seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1841

Henry Gravas L.P.

I William Gravas preacher of the gospel do hereby certify  
that I did see the above named Boston Graves  
die on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1840 and that Sarah  
Graves is the widow and only wife of said Boston  
Graves Dec'd. Given under my hand and seal this  
11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1841

Wm. Gravas. Seal

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On order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress  
passed May 4<sup>th</sup> 1836

Declaration.

State of Tennessee }  
County of Monroe, S.C.

March

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace Mr Henry Graves, aged sixty three years past and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, That, his father Boston Graves, was a pensioner from the United States, for his services in the War of the Revolution of forty dollars per annum, That his father served in the North Carolina Muster, that his father died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April eighteen hundred and forty leaving a widow Affiant's Mother, Sarah Graves, who made application for a pension and did not succeed, That the Commissioner of pensions suspended the claim, from the fact of it not being claimed under the proper act, That his Mother, Sarah Graves before mentioned died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, eighteen hundred and forty three, affiant further declares that, his Mother was married in the year seventeen hundred and sixty nine, that he has no documentary proof by which to establish the marriage and must refer the department to the proof on file or file with the declaration of Affiant's Mother same time in the year eighteen hundred and forty one, Affiant further declares that that his mother died leaving the following children as heirs at law George Graves, and Affiant, Henry Graves, Affiant makes this declaration in order to obtain the amount of pension due his mother at her death, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1843,

Henry Graves

I swear and subscribe before me an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid and I certify that Henry Graves, who makes the foregoing is a Son of Boston Graves who was a pensioner of the United States and that his oath would be taken in any court where he is known in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1856,

John D. King  
Justice Peace for Monroe County

I, the undersigned, do hereby nominate and appoint and by these presents do constitute and appoint George McRennan of the town of Monroe Tennessee my true and lawful Attorney in cause, for me and

State of Georgia I Philopedia Sharp, of the  
Anderson County, county and state aforesaid  
do hereby certify that I was present at the marriage  
of Boston Gravas and Sarah Ephland the wife  
and widow of Boston Gravas & do add a resolution  
by Reasons that in the early part of June 1769  
in the State of N. Carolina Orange county that  
I ~~had~~ accompanied Boston Gravas Peter Ephland  
in company with Boston Gravas & Sarah Ephland  
now Sarah Gravas to Michael Halls they were  
there married by the county minister as he was then  
called and returned in company with them to my  
Father, and that said Boston & Sarah Gravas have  
lived together as man & wife from that time to  
his death given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 1841.

Attest,

Henry Gravas

Philopedia <sup>for</sup> Sharp

mark

State of Georgia I do hereby certify that this day personally  
Anderson County appeared in my presence the above named  
Philopedia Sharp and on oath stated that the above ~~statement~~  
was true to the best of her knowledge sworn to and  
Subscribed the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 1841

John H. Gandy

State of Georgia I Williamson Clark Clerk of the  
Anderson County Court for the County of  
Anderson, do certify that Wm. H. Gandy, whose signature  
appears to the foregoing certificate, is and  
was at the date thereof an Notary Public of the  
State of Georgia County, and Commissioned as such  
on the ~~date~~ of his birth and died  
to all his official acts as such, true I am

*BRIEF in the case of Boston Graves  
of Knox County to the State of Tennessee  
(Act 7th June, 1830.)*

b. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *60*

c. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?

d. How old is he? *80 Years.*

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.	Rank.	Name of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
			Years. Months. Days.
<i>Drafted</i> In 1781	<i>Six months &amp; twelve days making one year</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Gen. John Butler Major Col. Orell Regement Capt. Ropes Company</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged?

6. Where did he receive his injuries?

*County of North Carolina*

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditional evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls?

*Oracitionary*

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Examining Clerk.*

July 6, 1930

June 22, 1937

Emmable John D. Kendrick  
United States Senator.

My dear Senator:

In response to your letter of the twenty-fourth instant, I have the honor to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R. 4813, it appears that Doctor Gravoo was born October 1, 1767 in Pennsylvania.

While residing in Orange County, North Carolina, he served from 1781 in Captain William Rogers' Company, Colonel William O'Neill's North Carolina Regiment, he was captured by forces of Hillsborough and confined on different ships until exchanged at Charleston, South Carolina, having been away from home eleven months.

He was allowed pension on his application ex-  
ecuted August 23, 1833, while a resident of Knox  
County, Tennessee.

Caldwell married early in June 1789 in Orange

County, North Carolina, Sarah England.

He died April 1, 1849 and she died December 29, 1849, leaving the following children - Catharine Sharp; Elizabeth Clapp; John Gravoo; Peter Gravoo; George Gravoo; Henry Gravoo, who was fifty-five years old in 1860, and living in Knox County, Tennessee; and David Gravoo.

This Bureau is unable to furnish the history of a soldier of the Revolution, unless a claim for pension or bounty land has been made on account of his services, and a careful search of the records fails to show such a claim on file on account of the services of any soldier named Duncan McIntosh.

Very truly yours,

WILFIELD SCOTT  
Commissioner.