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Born: 16 Apr 1757 Maryland

Married: 22 Jan 1788 Rachel McClellan

Died: 21 Aug 1815 Sullivan Co, TN

Parents: William Gregg & Janet Rankin

James Gregg was a respected and loved citizen in Sullivan Co., Tn. He served in the Revolutionary War. His widow Rachel McClellan on k Apr. 1812, age 75 yrs., was rejected a pension, as her husband's pensioner for lack of proof of 90 days service required an officer. However, her son Abraham secured evidence of his war service as follows: "James Gregg served as Captain in the South Carolina Militia; later in 1781, he re-entered service with the North Carolina troops in Capt. Thomas Wallace's Troop; he also served under Col. Shelby and Lieut. Gen. Marion." Widow Rachel Gregg secured affidants and was awarded the Government pension in 18U5.

James Gregg was one of three original elders ordained by Rev. Samuel Doak in 1782 in the New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Piney Flats, Tn. He was the first school teacher of the Fork community.

Upon good authority, James Gregg, Sr. was a member of the Taney town Presbyterian Church, Md. in 1772. Rev. Joseph Reah (Rhea) was leader of the flock known as the Piney Creek Church, Taneytown, Md. In 1775, he was in Holston Country (now Sullivan Co., Tn.). He returned to Maryland and organized a group of church members to migrate to the Holston Country. However, he died in Maryland and did not get back to Sullivan Co., Tn. Among the names who went to Tennessee upon his recommendation were: Allisons, Berrys, Hodges, Hughes, Kings and Massengills. The pioneer families inter-married as history reveals. Data from the New Bethel Church, Sesquicentennial Book, 1782-1932, Piney Flats, Tn., p. 15.

Above information from the book: Thomas King and Susan Ann Sharp Family History, Immigrant Ancestors from 1607-1969, by Rogers & Bullock

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Gregg R4334 Rachel fn18NC
 Transcribed by Will Graves 8/29/08

State of Tennessee, Sullivan County

On this 13th day of April 1844 [could be 1842] personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace Mrs. Rachael Gregg the Resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 75 years the 1st day of June next who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows that she is the widow of James Gregg who was a soldier in the war of the revolution that he was a private in the North Carolina militia in the fall of 1781 under Captain Thomas Wallace's troop of Cavalry and served a campaign of 6 months under the aforesaid Captain Wallace Colonel Shelby and General Marion & she further declares that she was married to the said James Gregg on the 22nd day of January 1788 that her husband the aforesaid James Greg died 21st August 1815 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to 1st January 1794 viz. at the time above stated that she is still a widow that the family Record is a true Record of her marriage.

S/ Rachael Gregg, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Sullivan and I further certify that the said he Miss [sic] Rachel Gregg is from bodily infirmity unable to attend court. I further certify that full faith and credit is due the statement of Miss Rachel Gregg I [sic, In] witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13th day of April 1844.

S/ Rice Duncan, JP

[On March 14, 1845, in Sullivan County, Tenn., Abraham Gregg, 54, son of James and Rachel Gregg gave been affidavit stating in part: "...he is the son of James Gregg who was a soldier in Captain in the war of the Revolution he further declares that he has often heard his Father James Gregg say that he was a Captain in the South in the war of the Revolution for a short time and he further declares that the Reason the service as Captain was not specified in the Declaration made by his Mother Rachel Gregg was that it could not be come at my living testimony and such Services as could be proven by two of his Comrades Elijah Cross¹ who is now drawing a pension for the same service and Edward Cox² his Lieutenant who is also a pensioner affiant further declares that he has often heard his Father the above named James Gregg say that after the he had rendered his services as Captain in the South he returned back and then joined Captain Thomas Wallace's Troop [of] horse man under Colonel Isaac Shelby and served then another Campaign of 6 months under the above named officers and affiant further declares that in regard to these services of his Father the aforesaid James Gregg as Captain in Britons neck [sic, Brittons Neck] Regiment he has heard him his Father frequently speak of Colonel Ervin and well recollects of hearing his father the aforesaid James Gregg speak of sending to the South Carolina for something as compensation for services done as Captain and that he received this compensation some years after the war ended and he further declares that from the conversation that he heard his father the above named James Gregg make use of affiant is sure that it is the same James Gregg as certified by the Comptroller of South Carolina as having done 90 days service as Captain in the brittans neck [sic, Brittons Neck] Regiment.

S/ Abraham Gregg

Bible record:

James Gregg and Rachel his wife was Married January the 22nd day A. D. 1788

¹ FPA S1947

² FPA S3170

Copies of original documents regarding Rachel Gregg's application for pension for her husband's, James Gregg, service in the Revolutionary war follow:

Declaration

do hereby declare to obtain the benefit of the act of congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows state of Tennessee

Sullivan County) On this 13 day of April 1840 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace the Rachel Gregg a Remnant of the county and state aforesaid aged 75 years the first day of June next who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of this pension made by the act of congress

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sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me a Justice of the peace for the county of Sullivan and I further certify the said wife Rachel Gregg is from bodily infirmity unable to attend court I further certify that full faith and credit

Rachael x Gregg

is due the statement of Miss Rachel Gregg I witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the thirteenth day of April
Eighteen hundred and forty four

Rice Duncan
Justice of the Peace

State of Tennessee

Sullivan County

we Representatives of the
County and state above said do here by certify that we are well ac-
quainted with Miss Rachel Gregg who has subscribed an answer
to the within declaration that she is reputed and believed in the
neighbourhood where she resides and that we concur in that opinion
sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written

State of Tennessee
Sullivan County

John M. Riddle
Clerk

May Term 1844 County court the
declarations of Miss Rachel Gregg certified on the 13 day of April
1844 by Rice Duncan a Justice of the peace for said County being
submitted to court the said doth approve his proceedings and
acts in said case and here by direct the clerk to endorse the approvals
on the papers

State of Tennessee
Sullivan County

I Jacob S. Mepick Clerk of the County Court of Sullivan County
do hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings are the original proceed-
ings had and approved of by the County Court of Sullivan County
at its May Term 1844 relative to the declarations of Miss Rachel
Gregg to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress relative to
Revolutionary pensions and I further certify that the above said
Rice Duncan is and was a Justice of the peace for said County
duly commissioned and qualified according to law and



signature purporting to be his is genuine

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal of office at office in Pleasantville
this 9th day of May 1844

Jacob T. Messick Clerk

State of Tennessee
Sullivan County ss

I Benjamin S. Hookley Chairman of the County Court

of Sullivan County do hereby certify that Jacob T. Messick whose
name appears to the foregoing certificate is Clerk of the County
Court of Sullivan County duly elected commissioned and qualified
according to law and that the signature purporting to be
his is genuine this the 6 day of May 1844

Benjamin S. Hookley
Chairman of the County Court
of Sullivan County

State of Tennessee
Sullivan County

on this 24th day of March 1845
personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the
peace for this County afforenamed the Abraham Gregg a
resident of this County and state afforenamed aged fifty
four years and after being first duly sworn according
to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit
that he is the son of James Gregg who was a soldier
and Captain in the war of the Revolution he further
declares that he has often heard his Father James Gregg
say that he was a Captain in the South in the war
of the Revolution for a short time and he further declares
that the Reason the service as Captain was not specified
in the Declaration made by his Mother Rachel Gregg
was that it could not become so by living testimony
and such service as could be proven by two of his
Comrades Elyah Croft who is now drawing a pension for
the same service and Edward Cox his lieutenant who
is also a pensioner Affiant further declares that he
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in the South he returned back and then joined
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Isaac Shelby and served them another Campaign
of six months under the above named officers
and affiant further declares that in Regard to

the services of his Father the afforesaid James
 Gregg as Captain in Britains 60th Regiment he has heard
 him his Father frequently speak of Col Ervine and
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 heard his Father the above named James Gregg ^{make} use
 of affiant is sure that it is the same James Gregg
 as Certipid by the Comptroler of South Carolina
 as having done ninety days service as Captain
 in the Britains 60th Regiment

Abraham Gregg

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written
 before me as Justice of the peace for the County afforesaid
 and I further Certify that I am well acquainted with
 Mr Abraham Gregg and that full faith and Credit is
 due the Statements of Abraham Gregg

In testimony whereof I have here
 unto set my hand this 24 day of March one thousand
 Eight hundred and forty five

Rich Duncan
 Justice of the Peace

State of Tennessee
Sullivan County 1845

I - Jacob J. Mospick Clerk of the County Court of Sullivan County do here by Certify that one Duncan Ingr whose name appears to the within is and was at the time of signing the same an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified according to law and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at office in Blountville this 25th day of March 1845

Jacob J. Mospick Clerk

State of Tenn 1845
Sullivan County

I Robert P. Rhea Chairman of the of the County Court of Sullivan County do hereby Certify that Jacob J. Mospick is and was Clerk of the County Court of Sullivan County duly elected and qualified according to law and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of March 1845

Robert P. Rhea

Chairman of the County Court of Sullivan County

T H E N E

TESTAMENT

*Which I have taken Justice of the Peace for before me
do hereby certify that I have this Book taken from the old Bible
now in the possession of Miss Barbara Gregg and I further*

JESUS CHRIST

*certify that I believe it to be a true Record of the
words of Jesus Christ as spoken by Him in a
public manner of James Gregg and Rachel Gregg in a
place whereof I have heretofore set my hand and seal this*

the thirteenth day of Aprile eighteen

hundred and forty four. And with the former

TRANSLATIONS

Diligently COMPARED and REVISED

By His MAJESTY'S SERVANTS

Appointed to be Read in



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Following is transcribed from Bible page on previous page.

John Gregg son of James and Rachel his wife [was born] December the 29th 1788

Abraham Gregg was born September the 19th [? could be 14th or something else] 1790

§-13(e) Jane Gregg was born the 15th of September 18=792

Nathan Gregg was born the 23 of Decr. 1794

Samuel Gregg was born 15 April 1797

William Gregg was born 14th August 1799

[torn paper]ames Gregg was born 28 July 1801

[torn paper] ass Gregg was born 10 Sepr 1803

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[torn paper] born 22nd June 1809

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1	1815
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J. C. Young
Young Gregg was born

by 1860

Comptroller Genl's Office
Columbia S. Ca. Jan^y 27th /45

Sir,

Your communication of the 25th inst., to hand, is hereby noted -
Subjoined is the evidence in the case of Mr. James Gregg,
as demonstrated by the Records in this office -

Very Respectfully
For Comptroller Genl's
[Signature]

Charge \$3-

Comptroller Genl's Office
Columbia S. Ca. Jan^y 27th /45

Book J.

Indent 1017 Issues the 31st of January 1786 to Mr. James Gregg for thirty
eight Pounds, eleven shillings and five pence stating, for Militia
Duty done as Captain in 1780, as per acct. audited, N^o 100 -
Principl. £38:11:5
Am't. Int'd £02:13:11

Acct. 100 - James Gregg

His acct. for thirty days duty as a Captain
in the Brittons. Musk. Regt of Militia, as per Col. Erwin's certificate
dated 15th March 1780, at £3. per day - £270 - Sterling £38:11:5 -

I Certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this office
For Comptroller Genl's
[Signature]