

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Greer R4277

Sarah Greer

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State of Tennessee, County of Carroll

Be it known that on the 25 day of September A.D. 1858 personally appeared before me Charles B. Swift a justice of the peace in and for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes Sarah Greer aged Ninety-two years and a resident of said County, who first being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress Approved February 3rd, 1853 granting Pensions to certain Widows of Revolutionary officers and soldiers. That she was married to James Greer on or about October 1818 in Hickman County and State of Tennessee from old age she cannot remember the exact day. That her said husband applied for a pension in his lifetime¹ she thinks in the fall of 1832 but did not receive anything nor does she now know the cause but depends on that declaration now on file in the pension office for the particulars of his James Greer's services in the Revolutionary War -- that he died on or about May 1833 in Carroll County and State of Tennessee and that application for a pension was made in the same County and State -- that she has remained a widow ever since that period. And is now a widow and she declares that she has no record evidence of her marriage either private or public except her husband's James Greer's last Will now on record at Huntingdon on which she depends to prove that she was married to said James Greer together with the proof hereunto annexed and for the particulars of her said husband's military services on his declaration now on file in the Pension office together with records of the South Carolina Muster Rolls as she is informed by her husband that he resided in South Carolina at the time of the Revolutionary War she now thinks in York district SC the reason why she has not applied for a pension before this time is because she had not the information how to proceed that she now Appoints Robert H. Hawthorn of Benton County Tennessee as my agent in the premises. That she has no written discharge on which to evidence her said husband's services nor does she know of any one living who did know him in the Revolutionary War. That it is impossible for her to remember the officers names under whom he served but remembers to have heard her said husband say he served as an orderly Sergeant but how long she has forgotten. Therefore she urges [?] for the examination of her said husband's declaration (and suspended) for the particulars. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date first above Written.

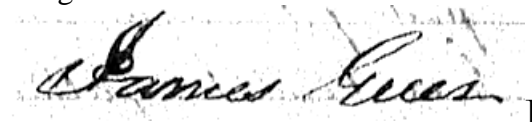
S/ C. B. Swift, JP

S/ Sarah Greer, X her mark

¹ The file does not contain a application filed by the veteran himself.

[pp. 4-5, Appears to be a copy of the will of James Greer in which he names his beloved wife, Sarah Greer; & son James Greer. The testator refers to himself as being then a resident of Carroll County, Tenn.]

[p 6: On April 30, 1859 in Carroll County Tennessee, James Greer, 68, a resident of Carroll County gave testimony on by half of the application made by Sarah Greer; he states that he is acquainted with her; that he was not present at the marriage of his father James Greer to Sarah Greer; that the objection of the war department to his father's declaration was that he failed to specify the length of time he served in the South Carolina forces during the Revolutionary war; that he, affiant, heard his father state that he served part of his service in the revolution as an officer and part on foot as a private; that he remembers his father saying that while in service he had to swim his mare across a river; that Sarah Greer is the widow of his father; that he, affiant, was acquainted with Sarah Greer in South Carolina long before his father and her were married; that his father and Sarah Greer were married in Tennessee; that his father died in Carroll County Tennessee; that his, the affiant's, stepmother Sarah Greer has lived in the affiant's house and still lives there; that she remains unmarried and upon his best information she is a little over 93 years of age.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Greer". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "James" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Greer".

[p. 13 is a certificate of the SC Comptroller General dated January 21, 1859 as follows:
"The following is a Statement of "James Greer's" Services.

Book J p 253 shows 60 days in 1780 as private in Militia—30 days (1780) as Sarjeant of horse—44 dys as Sarjt of foot (1782)—and 57 dys Lt. of Horse—and Certified by Capt. Hanna. An order in favor of Robt. Hanna to which James Greer made his mark thus "0" Laurens County in presence of Jas. Montgomery.

Recpt, signed Robt. Hanna

Book, R, p. 476—shows 37 dys as Horseman under Capt. Geo. Neely.

Very Respectfully

Yrs &c.

S/ Wm R. Huntt

Fee for Copy of each \$2.00"]²

² As of 11/20/2021, the SC Audited Accounts folder for James Greer (Grier) no longer contains records of service by a soldier of that name except for 37 days as a private under Capt. George Neeley.