

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Green S13216

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State of Maryland

Baltimore County Sct:

On this the tenth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty four, before the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Orphans Court, for Baltimore City and County and State of Maryland, (the same being a Court of Record) Personally appeared John Green, the first, aged eighty four years, a resident of said County, who was prevented from attending in open Court, by reason of bodily infirmities: who being first duly sworn according to Law, Doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed June the seventh eighteen hundred and thirty two; – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated, – that he was born in Baltimore County and State aforesaid, in the year Seventeen hundred and sixty, and remained in said County untill he attained his seventeenth year, when he entered into the militia service of the State of Maryland, in Baltimore County, in Captain Tobias Stansberry's [sic: Tobias E. Stansbury, pension application S14604] company, in which he mustered for some several months, after which time he went to the City of Baltimore, and enlisted as a private soldier in Captain Richard Bird's Company of the first Maryland Regiment, commanded by Colonel Otho H. Williams [Otho Holland Williams], in the month of January, in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy nine, for three years; & that he marched through the State of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia; and deponent further declares, that he was in some skirmishes in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine, that he was in the battle of Camden, which was fought in the summer of the year seventeen hundred and eighty [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]; and also, in the battle of Yorktown, in the State of Virginia, which was fought in October Seventeen hundred and eighty one [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], – after the battle of York-town he remained in the service untill the disbandment of the Continental Army, when he received his pay from John Hamilton, agent for the Maryland Line, for the service he had rendered to the United States, – he was then verbally discharged by his Captain, under orders from General George Washington, – after this, he, deponent, with many others returned to Baltimore County in the State of Maryland, aforesaid, where he has remained ever since. and he further states that he has a personal knowledge of many officers and private soldiers who belonged to the Continental service; He also states that he has faithfully served his country. Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension list or roll of the agency of any State, having heretofore been enabled to procure his daily bread by his own hands, he was unwilling to become a pensioner on the bounties of his country, but recent afflictions and growing infirmities have reduced him to dependence thereon. He therefore now prefers his claim

In testimony whereof this Deponent hath hereunto sworn and subscribed his name on the day and year first above written

John hisXmark Green

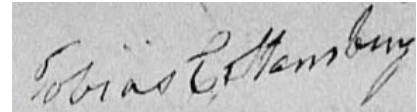
[Submitted to James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions on 13 Aug 1844 by Elisha Brown, grandson of John Green.]

State of Maryland }

Baltimore County } To Wit

On this thirty first day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four Before the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Gen'l. Tobias E. Stansbury a resident of Baltimore County and made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty Got that he is personally acquainted with John Green, who is now residing in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland and also knew him well during the Revolutionary War when

he the said John Green was attached to this deponents company of Malitia in which he rendered some several months active service in and about Baltimore City and County in the said State of Maryland. And this deponent further declare depose and say that some time after the latter part of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight or about the beginning of the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine the said John Green left this deponents company of Malitia and Enlisted in the regular Continental Army under Capt. Richard Bird under the command of Colonel Otho H. Williams, and this deponent further declares he well knows the said John Green who is applying for a Pension from the United States for services rendered during the Revolutionary War and this deponent further declares that this John Green is the Identical person who served in Captain Henry Gaither's Company during the Revolutionary war for which service, this deponent has no doubt the aforesaid John Green is justly entitled to a pension



State of Maryland/ City of Baltimore To Wit

on the third day of July, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred, and forty four, before the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said city, personally appeared, Nathan Fitzpatrick [S8469], a resident of Baltimore County Md. aged about ninety years, (he being a pensioner of the State of Maryland, and also of the united states, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of almighty God, that he was intimately acquainted with John Green (the first) who is now residing in Baltimore County, and was mustered in the Malitia Sevice in the Company under Capt Tobias E Stansbury and this deponent further declares that he well knows that after the expiration of his Malitia Service he the said John Green enlisted in the first Maryland Regiment for three years and that he knows that John Green who is above named is the identicle person who belonged to Capt Tobias E Stansburys Co, and afterwards enlisted in the first Maryland Regiment of the Continental army

Land office, Annapolis, 10th August, 1844,

I hereby certify, That it appears by the Muster rolls of the Revolution, remaining in this office, That John Green, enlisted as a private, in the 1st Maryland Regiment, for the term of three years, on the 9th day of January, 1779, and was present on the 1st day of November, 1780.

George G. Brewer, Reg'r. Land Off. Md.

Upon the representation made to me by Mr. Nathan H. Ware, of Baltimore County, Maryland, I have suspended the case of John Green. Mr. Ware is a gentleman entitled to credit, being a Member of the Legislature & introduced to me by Gen. [Nathaniel] Towson. He states that Green was a Militia man & not a regular soldier, as he has falsely stated in his declaration JLE Nov. 1 '44 [See endnote.]

State of Maryland/ Baltimore County to wit

Be it remembered that on this thirteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred & forty seven, before me one of the justices of the eighth election district of the state of Maryland in and for Baltimore County Personally appeared Charles Roberson [S14338] a resident of Baltimore County aged eighty seven years or thereabouts, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he has been personally acquainted with John Green of Baltimore County from the commencement of the Revolutionary War until the present time, and knows that he was in actual serice of the United States as a private Soldier, at least two years, and as this deponent beleives in the first Regiment of the State of Maryland

Charles hisXmark Roberson

Baltimore March 18 1847

J. L. Edwards Esq/ Com'r of Pensions Sir

On the 16 August 1844 there was issued to John Green, a revolutionary soldier of the Maryland line, a Pension Certificate for 80\$ per annum under the law of the U.S. of 7th June 1832, which was paid to 4 March 1844, at which time it was stopped; as we believe, in consequence of erroneous information given you with ill design (at the same time the application of his brother William Green [pension application S13220] who served with him in the same Regiment was suspended; but which has been recently allowed and paid to his Widow)

Said John Green is still living in Baltimore County, very aged and infirm. And, we, having investigated his case, do firmly believe that he was a soldier of the Revolution, and served as he has stated in his declaration; which is fully confirmed by the additional testimony herewith sent you.

We trust you will therefore order the payment of the arrears and continuance of his Pension.

Very respectfully we are/ Your ob't. Servts/ Alex'r. Yearley & Son

[Alexander Yearley and sons made another inquiry on 11 Aug 1847.]

NOTES:

For other examples of James L. Edwards's favoring hearsay over sworn testimony, see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.

In the pension file of William Green (S13220) is a statement by him that William Duncan, a partner of Nathan H. Ware, had been his pension agent, and that after William Green refused to sign a contract giving them half his pension, "Duncan said he would kill the case."

An undated note in the file reads, "Remove the suspension of John Green's case – write to the Agent."