

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Fortunatus Green S15155

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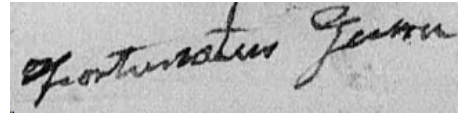
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State of Virginia Hanover County S.S.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County Fortunatus Green a resident of said County and state aforesaid, aged seventy nine 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. He states that he was born on the sixth day of April 1754 according to Family register, there being no record of his age, that he was drafted and called into the service of the United States as a private in the month of April 1775 under Capta[in] William O. Winston & Col. Samuel Meredith & marched from Hanover Town in the County of Hanover, through New Kent, Charles City &c to Cabin Point [in Surry County] and thence crossed the James River to Sandy point and was stationed there awhile and discharged. He served in this tour one month. He was called out as a private in the month of May 1777 or 1778 to the best of his recollection under Captn David Richardson & Col. William Dandridge and marched from Hanover through New Kent &c to the Town of Wmsburg [Williamsburg] where he joined the american army commanded by Genl [Charles] Scott and was stationed there awhile and then we had a sham fight and then discharged. He served in this tour one month. He was called out as a private in the month of January 1781 under Captn William Darracott & Col. Goodall & marched from Hanover to the City of Richmond and arrived there shortly after Arnold had destroyed the Town by fire [5-7 Jan 1781]. We then marched on to Westham [7 mi NW] & crossed James River thence down the river to Moody Hundred [sic: Bermuda Hundred] & recrossed the River to Shirley, thence by Charles City Court House where we saw a great deal of blood in the Tavern, thence in the direction to Wmsburg, we then retraced our steps and marched on to City point & crossed the River to Cabin point where we were stationed and discharged. He served in this tour one month.

He was called out again as a private in the month of April 1781 under Captn Thomas Richardson & Col. John Starke & marched from Hanover to the City of Richmond where he was stationed and then discharged. He served in this tour twenty Days. He was called out again as a private in the month of July 1781 under Captn Thomas Tinsley & marched from Hanover to Malvern Hills [15 mi] below Richmond where he joined the Regiment commanded by Colo. John Taylor of Caroline and the army commanded by the Marquis Delafayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] and whilst we were stationed there Lord Cornwallis took possession of the Town of Petersburg – we then marched from Malvern Hills to Richmond, thence to the Chickahominy River and crossed the River at Wilkinson's bridge where we were [several illegible words] a considerable time in consequence of the Bridge being carried away by a Freshett, thence to New Castle [now Old Church] thence down the Pamunkey River to Warine Church, where we left Layfayett's army thence to the Brick House where we crossed over to West Point, thence to a place called Anderson's Store in King & Queen County where we joined Col. Ennis [sic: James Innes] Regiment thence to Gloucester Court House, thence into Middlesix [sic: Middlesex] thence back to a place called the Boiling Spring in King & Queen County, thence to Gloucester Town, where we were alarmed by Tarlton's [sic: Lt, Col. Banastre Tarleton's] Light Horse, thence to a place called Whittings old field where we were stationed & discharged. He served in this tour three months as second Sergeant. He states that he served during the revolution in all six months and twenty days for which he claims a pension. He states that he has no documentary evidence or written discharge but can prove a part of his services by William Bumpass [pension application W2718] & knows of no other person by whom he can prove the remainder of his services – that he resided in the said County of Hanover when he was called into service has lived in the same County ever since with the exception of six years when he resided in the City of Richmond and now resides in the said County of Hanover. He refers to John Darracott, and William D. Winston as persons who reside in his neighbourhood who can testify to his character & good

behaviour and their belief as to his being a soldier of the Revolution. The said Applicant further states that he is unable to attend court relative to his claim by reason of bodily infirmity  
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory whatever.

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "Fortunatus Jester".