

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Greenberry (Greenbery) Capps (Caps) S21105 f26SC

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State of South Carolina Greenville District }

On this 30th day of June 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Equity now sitting Greenberry Capps a resident of Greenville District State of South Carolina aged seventy-two 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 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he was living near the High Hills of Santee now Sumter District South Carolina when he was called into service the first time he entered the same he was drafted in the spring of 1776 for the purpose of marching to the defense of Charleston when attacked by Sir Peter Parker. He served in the company commanded by Captain Josiah Furman. He was marched to Charleston and there stationed until he was discharged. In this tour he served not less than one month as a private.

The second tour he was drafted about the time General Brown [Thomas “Burnt Foot” Brown, a Tory officer] & the British had possession of Augusta – he belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Singleton [Richard Singleton] and was put to driving the wagon. He joined the Army of the United States near Cambden [Camden] and went from thence to Liberty Hill opposite Augusta. There he joined the Army under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. He was there constantly employed in driving a wagon and bringing in provisions to the Army. He remained there about two months, and was sent to Charleston and thence to Orangeburg, and then he was attached to the Army under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] where he continued in the wagon service until discharged. He was under the direction of Armstrong, a wagon master – Rutherford wagon master General – he served this tour not less than 5 months.

The third tour he was drafted in the spring of 1780 just before the surrender of Charleston. He served under the command of Lieutenant Joseph Hill – the troops started from Charleston and marched as far as a place called the Scotch Lake [Scott Lake] on the Santee River and there remained until news was brought of the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. He was then discharged and returned home – this tour he served not less than one month.

The 4th tour he was drafted in the fall of 1781 after the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – he was under the command of Lieutenant Joseph Hill went up to the camp of General Marion [Francis Marion] on the Santee River and there remained until discharged. In

this tour he served not less than one month. He then returned home and was shortly afterwards called upon to go again to the camp of General Marion and did so. He remained again with Marion one month in and about Santee marching from thence down towards Charleston and thence towards Georgetown. He then returned home and in the winter was again ordered out and joined the little Army under Marion – and remained again one month – making in these 3 tours in the fall & winter of 1781 not less than 3 months.

He was drafted again in the summer of 1782 under the command of Captain Thomas Starke marched under his command to the Four Holes Bridge there he was taken and put under the command of Major Adair [John Adair] – sent to Manigault's ferry on Santee to guard ammunition and carried the same to General Green [Nathanael Greene] near Charleston. When he got to the ferry the ammunition had been sent off by another guard – thence he marched to Orangeburg there joined General Henderson [William Henderson] and thence marched to the South fork of Edisto [River] and there remained until discharged. In this tour he served not less than one month.

This applicant states that the militia of the County where he lived was divided into divisions and when called out had to stay one month and was relieved by another division. In this way all of his tours were for a month each except the one in which he was placed to Wagoneer.

For the whole this applicant was out 7 tours and served 11 months as a private in the Army of the United States and for such service claims a pension.

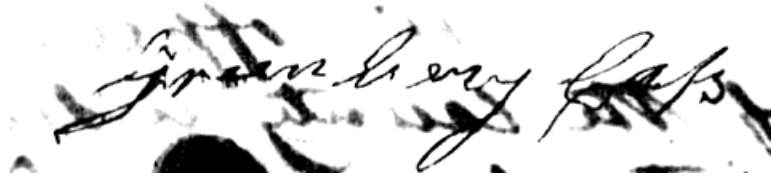
He does not recollect any of the Regular officers or Continental regiments and he was not with any except when driving the wagon under General Lincoln – He has no documentary evidence – he knows of no one whose testimony he can procure as to his service. He was born in North Carolina Chatham County. He thinks about the year 1762 [? overwritten and virtually illegible]. He has no record of his age – since the revolutionary war he has lived in this State. He was drafted by time he went into the service he received but one written discharge that was given by Rutherford and is lost. He is known in his present neighborhood to Esquire Blythe & Colonel R. Cox who will testify to his character for truth and their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ William Choice

S/ Greenbery Caps

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greenbery Caps". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[Jeremiah Crumpton, a clergyman, and Robert Cox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]