

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Green S33268

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I Robert Green of Bridgewater (formerly of Rhode Island) in the County of Plymouth Mass'tts. a resident citizen of the United States aged sixty five years on oath set forth and declare that I was a soldier in the war of the revolution, and from my reduced circumstances stand in need of the assistance of my country for support. that I enlisted on Rhode Island, and was one of Col. Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] black Regiment, in the Rhode Island line in Capt. Williams' Company, and continued to serve in said corps or the service of the united states for six years, and was in the war at the close of it. I was in Monmouth battle [28 Jun 1778] and many others and received a wound in my face from a ball, the scar of which is still visible. I was with Gen'l. Green in the southern states, and was discharged at little york [Yorktown VA]. I had a written discharge but have lost it. – and I have no further evidence of my service now in my power. – My name was written in my enlistment Prince Green, as I think.

Sworn to Ap'l 25 1818

Robert hisXmark Green

I Jonathan Mehuren of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Labourer of more than sixty six years of age, on oath do testify and say, that I was a private soldier for seven years in the Revolutionary War in the company commanded by Captain Jacob Allen belonging to the Regiment of Colonel Joseph Vose; that while in the service aforesaid I was well acquainted with a private, a man of colour, called Prince Green, for more than three years, during all which time he was a private soldier in the Continental service; that I knew him both before and since his enlistment and believe that he is now living in Bridgewater in County of Plymouth and Commonwealth aforesaid; that he is now very aged and infirm and entirely destitute of property. [22 July 1819]

Jonathan hisXmark Mehuren

I Fortune Howland [pension application S32861] of Fair Haven in the County of Bristol of lawful Age do Testify and say that I inlisted as a private soldier in the Massachusetts line in the army of the United States of American in the revolutionary war in Lieut. Coll. Elijah Voses Regiment, and Capt. Jeremiah Millers Company that I remained and did a private Soldier's duty in said Regiment for more than three years, & the greater part of which time I was stationed at west point in the state of New York – that I was there intimately acquainted with Prince Green, or Robert Green, a man of color, he was well known by both said Names, and during the whole of said three years & more, he was a private Soldier in Coll. Greens Regiment, in the Rhodeisland line, in said Revolutionary war. and further saith not.

[20 Sep 1819]

Fortune hisXmark Howland

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Plymouth SS.

On this nineteenth day of November 1821, before the Court of Common Pleas for the Southern Circuit, proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, having a power also of fine and imprisonment, and keeping a record of their proceedings, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the said County Abiezer Alger Guardian to Robert Green aged ninety years, resident in Bridgewater in said County, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he the said Green served in the Revolutionary war as follows, viz. for the term of during the war in Col. Jackson's Reg't. Capt. Williams' company and that he has received a pension certificate dated 25th October 1819 and numbered 15.477 in pursuance of his original Declaration made 25th April 1818 and also takes and subscribes the following oath, viz. And I do solemnly swear that said Green was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that he has not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of his property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of

Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war,” passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that sd. Green has not, nor has any person in trust for him any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to him; nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

The said Robert Green (sometimes called Prince Green) has no family is by profession a labourer has no property either real or personal and depends on public charity for his maintainance, that he is decrepid & not able to move but few steps out of the house

NOTE: The 1820 federal census for Plymouth County MA lists Robert Green as a “free colored person.”