

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Green S3413

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State of Tennessee, Wilson County: September Term County Court 1832

On this day viz., September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1832, personally appeared before James M. Martin, David C. Hibbitts & B. H. Billins Esquires Quorum Justices of the County Court of said County, now sitting, William Green, a resident of said County & State, aged about 67 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

First. He was born in Craven County in North Carolina about 16 miles above New Bern on Trent River, in the year 1765 as well as he can now calculate & remember.

Secondly. He has no record of his age.

Thirdly. When he entered into the service of his Country he resided in the said County of Craven at the place above stated until a new County was cut off of it called Jones County in which he lived till some years after the war, when he moved to the State of Tennessee about forty years ago. He first settled in Davidson County & remained there about five years, & then moved near Fort St. Stephens on the Tom Bigby where he removed about two years, & then returned to Tennessee & settled in Wilson County where he has lived ever since.

Some time between the year 1780 & 1783<sup>1</sup> he cannot remember the year he volunteered as one of the "minute man" for six months. Frederick Hargett was his Captain, Inloe [sic, perhaps John Enloe?]<sup>2</sup> was his Major but he does not recollect his Colonel. We were under the command of Caswell [Richard Caswell]. We were 14 days at first and New Bern learning the discipline. We went from there near the head of Drowning Creek, thence down Deep River to the mouth & down Cape Fear [River] to Moore's Creek, where according to expectation we met with a large band of Tories under the command of McCloud [sic, Lt. Col. Donald McLeod] who was killed in the action near our breast works. They were on their way to join the British to Wilmington. We were about five or 600 strong Caswell commanded. There was but one of our men killed & he was unfortunately shot in the back of the head. I do not remember his name.<sup>3</sup> The Tories were nearly all Scotchmen. Their commander McCloud when he was first wounded [he] fell to his knees near the works & waved his sword over his said & exclaimed "Huzza my brave boys, come on the days [sic] is ours" & he was immediately shot dead. We took a good many prisoners. We then were then dismissed to go home & procure clean clothes, &

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1 The action the applicant describes is clearly the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge which occurred on February 27, 1776. For applicant to have participated in this battle, it is highly unlikely that he was born in 1765 as he states above since he would have been only 10 or 11 years old at the time of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. The Tories at this engagement were originally commanded by Brig. Gen. Donald McDonald, but he falling ill gave way to Lieutenant Colonel Donald McLeod. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

2 Capt. John Enloe is the only officer named Enloe (or any variation thereof) known to have been at the Moore's Creek engagement. Enloe commanded a company of the New Bern Minutemen under Gen. Richard Caswell

3 According to other applicants, the name of the sole Whig casualty at this battle was John Grady (Graday, Graddy). See, [William Thompson S6217](#)

be in readiness at a moment's warning to march again. In three or four days the Sergeants came around & notified us to rendezvous at one Stevenson's nine or 10 miles from where I lived. We met, & had the same officers, & we struck up the line of march to Wilmington. We went about a half a mile below Wilmington to an old Fort & repaired it for use. We remained there on duty till our six months tour was out. We then got written discharges & returned home which is long since lost.

We had not been at home but a few days when the British came up & took Wilmington & volunteers were called for to intercept them at Bluford's Bridge. He volunteered. James Green was his Captain & Kenyon [James Kenan] was his Colonel. We were marched immediately to Bluford's Bridge. After we had been there a short time the enemy came up, & there was some slight skirmishing but no serious fighting occurred. We remained there three months, the time for which we had volunteered, & were discharged & received written certificates thereof, but the same is long since lost.

He then volunteered under Colonel Bloodworth [Thomas Bloodworth or Blutworth] as a light horseman for three months to keep the cattle out of the way of the enemy, which service was performed & at the end of the time we were discharged & returned home.

He was then drafted for three months, & went out under the command of Colonel Seawell [Benjamin Seawell], -- Captain Edward Whitley. We started on to join General Gates' [Horatio Gates'] Army & got within a day & a half of him when he was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], we then turned & went to Salisbury, & then to various points & places wherever we expected to be most useful to our Country until our time was out & indeed longer for we served five instead of three months, & got our discharges & went home.

Captain Herman Hearin [sic, probably Capt. Armwell Herron] was then authorized to raise a company of regulars in Kingston [sic, Kinston]. He enlisted & stayed with him five months before he could make up his company, when he hired one Elias Taylor to take his place & went home.

He was then drafted for nine months, & hired a Substitute to take his place, name John McKey. He gave him a horse, bridle & saddle & sufficient clothing.

After that he volunteered under Captain Billy George [William George] for three months to sweep out & purge the Country of all the filthy, thieving Tories who could be found. We went to work & in the time did effectually cleanse the Country of them, & was regularly discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State or Territory.

He has no documentary evidence of his serving nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove [it].

The following are some of the persons to whom this declarant is known in his present neighborhood & who will testify to his character for veracity, & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution, Viz.: Robert Donaldson, Flour McGregor, William McGregor, Cader Boss, Sion Boss, Major Jas. Williamson, Jones York, Brittain Drake, Esq., Warren Eatherly, & others.

In consideration of the foregoing services, this declarant prays to be placed on the pension List.  
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk

S/ Wm Green, X his mark

[Edward Willis, a clergyman, and Elijah Maddox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died March 10, 1834. This file contains no family data, there being no reference to any wife or children.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia.]