

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Great (Greats) S38747

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Washington County }

Be it remembered that on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1818, in pursuance 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 David Great personally appeared in open Court and produced a discharge to him subscribed by Brigadier General [Charles] Scott dated at Vally Forge the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1778 discharging him the said David Great from further service haveing fulfilled his term of time in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment for further certainty we herewith transmit the same. and the said David haveing been duly sworn according to law, made & subscribed before us in Open Court the following declaration towit that he is the Identical same David Great named in said discharge, and that he was enrolled or enlisted into the service of the United States in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment sometime in October 1775, that he continued in said Regiment in the company of Captain Richard Campbell untill the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1778 the date of his discharge. that he was wounded in the service of the United States during said service, insomuch that he has been an invallid ever since, and being destitute of property when he left the army, has never been able more than to support himself and is so destitute of even the necessarys of life that he stands in need of the generous provision made by the United States for the indigent soldiery he further states that he came to the State of Tennessee (then N Carolina) some time in the year 1783 and has ever since resided, and now does, within Washington County State aforesaid and that he never has been placed on the pension list of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court this 21<sup>st</sup> April 1818 David hisXmark Great  
The said David Great produced before the Court John Ingle [sic: John Engle, pension application S38861] who made Oath that he was in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War that he was enlisted into the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment at the same time with David Great towit on or about the month of October 1775, as well as now recollected that he was enlisted in Captain Darks [William Darke's] company and served in said 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment with David Great untill discharged at Valley Forge in 1778 and that said David faithfully fulfilled his term of service and more than the period for which he enlisted.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

[signed] John Engle

David Grate A Soldier of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, having served his time for which he enlisted, is hereby discharg'd  
Given under my hand at the Valley Forge 12<sup>th</sup> Febru'y 1778  
Chs. Scott B.G.

District of Washington SS.

ON this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said district David Greats aged sixty eight years, resident in Washington County in said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: towit that he was enrolled on the first Saturday of March 1775, in Shenandoah County, under Captain Richard Campbell, of the eighth regiment of the Virginia line to go against Dunmore and did in the month of February following enlist for two years with first lieutenant Mathias Hight [sic: Mathias Hite, pension application S38031] of s'd Eighth Regt which regiment was commanded by General Mulinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and served three years and obtained a discharge which is now lodged in the war office under his first application and was in the battles of Sullivans Island [28 June 1776], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and many small engagements and was wounded by a shot through the knee and has been pensioned by certificate of No 965 and of date June 8<sup>th</sup> 1818 under the law of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my

property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. towit

one Rifle gun worth	\$12.00
Two old falling axes worth	2.00
1 hand axe	1.
1 6 gr[?] screw augur & 1, 3 D[itt]o	1.50
2 hammers at	.75
one [illegible word] screw	.25
four [illegible word] of different descriptions	4.
one Box	1.

one large Bible \$8 one Hymn Book  
 one small geography & one skillet

and further that he has neither wife nor children nor relations in this country, and is subsisting upon his pension, for indigence allowed him on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1818 the date of his declaration. he states that was a weaver by trade that owing to the rim of his belly being broke and his wound in the knee he is rendered unable to pursue that or any other business for support. Sworn to, and declared, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 David hisXmark Greats