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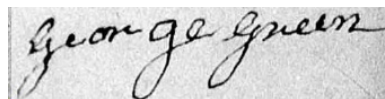
Pension Application of George Green S6912

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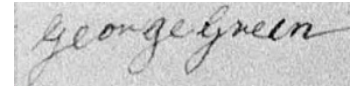
Abbeville District } Ss. On this 4 day of April 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Josiah J Evans Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas & general Sessions of Abbeville District in the said State now sitting George Green a resident of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina aged (70) seventy years on the fifteen day of January One thousand eight hundred & thirty three and now in his seventy first year of age, who being 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 the seventh, One thousand eight hundred and thirty two. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the last of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one with Capt. Charles Atwell [Charles B. Atwell (Attwell), pension application S10064, Captain in the Prince William County Militia], that he the applicant does not recollect the Regiment, nor the line to which he was attached, but does distinctly recollect, that Charles Atwell was his Captain and John Smith Lieutenant of the company, he has no recollection of the names of his other Company Officers, and that Col Smith commanded the Regiment, this applicant thinks the Col was named James Smith the names of the other field Officers this applicant does not recollect, except the above named Col Smith and Gen'l. LaFayette who commanded the Division of the army in which the applicant served. the applicant further states that he served under Capt. Charles Atwell and Col Smith a period between three and fourth months, when the army under Gen'l. Lafayette was laid off into four divisions, by which division the applicant was transferred to the third division and under a Capt James Smith, Richard Goodall Lieut company Officers recollected, and Col Wordsworth commander of the regiment & still under the command of Gen'l Lafayette, the applicant says that he served under Capt. James Smith & in his company until the winter about Christmas of the year seventeen hundred and eighty two when Capt. Smith was discharged, and the applicant then transferred under the Command of a Capt. Peays or Pace, and the applicant quartered out with others, under his command in the State of Massachusetts, where the Applicant remained quartered, until the thirteenth day of April, One thousand seven hundred and eighty three, when the applicant received a written discharge from the service from Col Wordsworth through Capt'n. Peays, which discharge the Applicant has long since lost. The Applicant further states that he resided in Prince William County in the State of Virginia, when he entered the service, under Capt. Charles Atwell as aforesaid, that he never was in any battle or engagement while he remained in the service, but that he was marched to the Chesapeake Bay and there vigilantly watched the movements of British near Baltimore & there remained three months, and then & from thence was marched with Gen'l. Lafayettes army to join Gen'l. Washington & his Army who were near the city of New York, how long Lafayettes army or division remained with Gen'l. Washington the applicant does not recollect, but does certainly know that subsequently Gen'l. Lafayette marched his army to Boston in Massachusetts where the American part of Gen'l. Lafayettes Army was ordered into Winter Quarters in the said State of Massachusetts, & in the interior, where the applicant remained quartered until he received his Discharge from Col Wardsworth as aforesaid. this applicant further says that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.



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Abbeville District } Agreeably to a letter received from J L Edwards Commissioner of Pensions and dated 12 Sept'r 1835 in which it appears there are some objections to the claim of George Green, who to remove these objections makes oath to the following statement viz

I George Green do solemnly swear that I cannot tell, to what line I belonged, in the Revolutionary War, I am certain however that I did not belong to the Virginia line, altho I enlisted in Virginia as previously detailed in my declaration, I am certain of this fact that I was attached or belonged to what was then called the French Army, which were laid off into four divisions, to one of which I belonged & was for a short period commanded by Col. Smith who was succeeded by Col. Wordsworth under whom I done duty until I was at the close of the War personally discharged by him from service at a place called Williamstown in the State of Massachusetts, where I received my pay, personally from the hand of Col Wardsworth for the services I rendered to my country. I never received any bounty land from Virginia, or any other State. Col Wardsworth was I believe a native of Massachusetts, and perhaps the line to which I belonged may have been called the Massachusetts line, or the French line. I further state that twelve or fifteen years ago I applied for a pension & was then informed by the proper Department that the British in the late war burnt all the papers and army rolls at Washington and that my name could not be found. I know of nothing further that can enlighten the Department relative to my claim or benefit myself respecting it.

Sworn to before me Nov'r. 14<sup>th</sup> 1835.



#### NOTES:

On 25 Oct 1832 George Dale of Chester District SC certified that he had known George Green from childhood, that he thought he had been born in Fauquier County VA in 1762, and that he saw him in Baltimore from June until October 1782. "I was living there at the time the reason I recollect this last statement so well now is that I was a stranger there myself and he being an old schoolmate I slept with him many a night in the camp during his stay there."

The Pension Office suspended Green's pension, because none of the officers except Lafayette was in the Continental Army, and if Green's service was in the French army it would not have been covered by the pension act. Charles B. Atwell stated in his successful pension application: "In February 1782, I recruited some twenty odd men in Prince William and marched to Williamsburg for the purpose of offering our services to the Country. On our arrival there Col. Wadsworth received us into the service for the purpose of conducting the artillery to Boston, allowing me the Rank, pay and emoluments of a Captain. I received no Commission from the Government for this service, but acted under the appointment of Col. Wadsworth as aforesaid. We left Williamsburg I think 1 July following, and proceeded under the Command of Col. Wadsworth with the artillery to Boston, where we arrived about 5<sup>th</sup> Dec'r. following. On our arrival there, we were sent with the horses of the Artillery to a village near a hundred miles above Boston called Hatfield or Hatley or some such name [probably Hadley MA, 75 mi W of Boston], for the purpose of wintering the horses. A short time after we reached there, we were discharged, received our pay, and returned home. In this last service, from the time I left home until I returned, (& during which time I was constantly engaged in the service) was ten months or thereabout." Atwell gave two other similar accounts of this service in his pension application.

A letter in the file dated 5 April 1837 indicates that Green was then living in Talbot County GA.