

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of David Green S6913

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State of Alabama } Sct
Limestone County }

On this twenty first day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the County Court of said County of Limestone State aforesaid, now sitting David Green a resident of said County of Limestone aged seventy four 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 as near as he can recollect at this time on the 1st of June 1780, he then residing in the County of Mecklenburgh State of Virginia, was in said County drafted into the Company of the militia of said State commanded by Captain Richard Swepston [or Richard Swepson] & Lieutenant [John] Clay & was immediately marched under said officers to Hillsborough State of North Carolina, where he joined the regiment commanded by Colonel [James] Lucas & Major [William] Boyce & was attached to the brigade commanded by General [Edward] Stevens. That he remained in service with said troops at Hillsborough some time where they were drilled & learned the exercise untill they were joined by the troops under General [Horatio] Gates under whose command he marched into South Carolina & was in the battle of Gates's defeat in August 1780 [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], that the troops with whom he was stationed in said battle were scattered & dispersed & he after retreating into the northern part of North Carolina, again joined a part of said troops who had assembled at a place called New Garden [in present Greensboro] where he was taken sick & remained untill his Term of Service had expired & was then taken home. That in this campaign he served three months the term for which he was drafted, in the infantry. That he did not personally know any of the regular Officers except General Gates whom he saw, but that he heard of [Baron] De Kalb & others that were at said battle. He received no written Discharge at the end of his service he being then sick. — That again in the last of July or first of August 1781 he then residing in Lunenburgh [sic: Lunenburg] County, Virginia whither he had removed (after his return from his first campaign) he was in said County drafted into the Company of the Militia of Virginia infantry commanded by Captain William Fisher in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Stokes, that he was immediately marched to Petersburg & from thence to York river, where the said Captain William Fisher resigned & affiant was transferred to the company of Militia from Mecklenburg County commanded by Captain Folks [possibly Thompson Fowlkes] in the Regiment commanded by Lew Burrell [Col. Lewis Burwell] under whose command he was marched after some short time to Little York where he joined the main Army under General Washington & was stationed on the side of the river opposite to Yorktown [i.e. Gloucester] where he remained on duty during the siege of Cornwallis & untill his surrender [19 Oct 1781] & was then marched towards Richmond to guard some prisoners in which service he continued untill the three months the Term for which he was drafted had expired & he was discharged. That there were no other troops on the side of the river he was stationed at York Town, but the Militia & some French Troops the officers names of which last, though he saw & knew them he can not recollect. That he was in actual service on this campaign three months as a footman making the whole of his service during the Revolutionary war six months as a foot man. That he never received any written discharge for his services. That he was born in Lunenburgh County State of Virginia on the 25th December 1760 as he learned from a record of his age kept by his father, which at the Death of his Father twenty years ago, went out of the possession & controul of affiant That after the Revolutionary War he moved to Bedford County Virginia where he lived three years & then moved to Montgomery County North Carolina where he lived about forty years & from thence moved to Limestone County State of Alabama where he has lived about three years & still resides. That he has no documentary evidence of his services & knows of no person within his reach by whom he

can prove the same, that he has written to Robert Green in North Carolina who if living he expects will send to the Department his affidavit proving affiants services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. That since his removal to Alabama, he has formed no acquaintance with a clergyman [signed] David Green

NOTE:

On 6 Nov 1837 David Green applied to have his pension transferred to Montgomery County NC, where he moved for the following reason: "In consequence of the death of two of his sons (one of whom resided on the same plantation with him) - He felt constrained from his [illegible word] condition to move to North Carolina - to the residence of one of his sons and several of his Brothers."

On 7 Mar 1838 David Green applied for a new pension certificate to replace one he had left at Coleman's Store in Athens AL when he moved. A related letter dated Lawrenceville NC, 17 Mar 1838 states that David Green was the father of Jones Green.