

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Green S6914

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State of North Carolina, Burke County: Court of Pleas and General Sessions October Court 1832

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court now in session John Green a resident of the County & State aged about 70 years who first being duly sworn according to law, on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he enlisted for the term of Ten months in the month of June or July in the year of the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] at a place called the Cherokee ponds in the State of South Carolina, under Lieutenant James Martin, Captain Jessy Johnson [Jesse Johnson], Colonel Samuel Hammons' [Samuel Hammond's] Regiment of South Carolina State Troop. That at that time the British were in the town of 96 [Ninety Six] that he marched and was then over running the State of South Carolina: that the South Carolina State troop was from that time to the time of the battle of Eutaw Springs always engaged in harassing the British & Tories & in turn being harassed by them: that at the time of the battle of Eutaw Springs he was lying at a place called New Richmond, Near Augusta on the North side of the River Savannah: he being then sick and unable to be with the well in the battle was left along with the baggage belonging to said Troop at said place: that on his getting better he was put to nursing the sick (as proved by affidavit marked A) hereunto annexed -- that he continued to serve along on the River Savannah & in the up Country until his Term of enlistment was expired when he was discharged by his Colonel Samuel Hammond at Colonel Leroy Hammond's house about one mile North of [word obliterated] of the Town of Augusta -- that he left his discharge with his father (he being then a young man) who related to him that it got Burnt -- that he has no documentary evidence of his discharge or Services & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except the one whose affidavit is annexed marked A. --

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. I further swear that owing to my want of information when in the said service & the badness of my memory that I cannot tell dates better than what is contained in the foregoing.

Question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in South Carolina on a Creek called Rocky Creek: but moved to North Carolina Tryon County when a small child & was there raised till about 16 when he went to South Carolina where he enlisted.

Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have none.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in South Carolina when I enlisted when I was discharged I came to Rutherford County & married & lived there for eight years: & then came to Burke where he has lived ever since.

Question State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. There were two captains Companies in the State Troop I belonged to -- my home was commanded by Captain Jesse Johnson & the other by Captain Richard Johnson, & Samuel Hammond Colonel. We fell under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] command whilst in this State Troop. I have seen General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & been under him when he had command & was under him about 24 miles this side of Charleston for about six weeks: Pickens had command of South Carolina months militia & Greene commanded the whole Continental and all -- I saw Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Light infantry, & Washington's [William Washington's] Light horse under the command of those officers.

Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I did. Signed by Colonel Hammond & I lost it as above stated.

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer -- I know of many persons who know all about my reputation but they live over the mountains 40 or 45 miles off, and there are but two years -- whom I can get to come into Court to testify the same they are William McKinney Esquire and Colonel Tighlman Blalock.

S/ John Green, X his mark him

[Wilson McKinney and Tilman Blalock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County (A)

James Erwin swears that he Served in the Company commanded by Captain Jesse Johnson [sic], Lieutenant James Martin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Hammons [sic] in the South Carolina State Troop before the Battle of Eutaw Springs and that when he joined said company & Regiment that John Green was a private & served in said Company against the Common enemy, and that they were in the same mess. -- That said Green was taken Sick and was not in the Battle of Eutaw Springs with him: that he said Erwin was in said battle and received a severe one in the head from a sword of the enemy: that he said Erwin was taken to Camp (after the battle) where said Green was who had gotten a Cate [? bit?] Better and was put to nursing the sick and nursed him said Erwin & dressed his wounds until he got able to go about, that said Green Continued to serve for upwards of six months until regularly discharged and that said Green was a faithful Soldier as long as he was in the service, that Jesse Johnson had the command of the company:

S/ James Erwin,¹ X his mark

[Attested in Rutherford County North Carolina October 20, 1832]

¹ [James Irwin W2117](#)

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State of North Carolina Yancey County

This day John Greene [sic] of this County & State aforesaid appeared before me William Buchanan an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and made Oath in due form of law that in his original certificate there is not stated but six months and he the said John Greene swears that he served Twelve months and upwards as a private in the revolutionary war under Samuel Hammings [sic] a Colonel under General Greene and the said John Greene doth further swear that he enlisted in the State of South Carolina under James Martin a listing master, though he resided before that in Rutherford County North Carolina and that he had his discharge from under the aforesaid Hammings and the aforesaid John Greene doth further swear that there is six months and upwards not stated in his original Certificate given at the War Office of the United States 10th of April 1833 and that he proves the service by James Erwin of Rutherford County NC but the man that prepared his papers set but six months, when it should have been Twelve, given under hand and seal February 27, 1843

S/ John Greene, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Madison County

On Thursday 5th day of July 1852 personally appeared John Green before me Thomas S Deaver a Justice of the peace authorized to administer oaths for General purposes within and for the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law that he is the identical John Green that enlisted in the South Carolina State Troops in the revolutionary war with Great Britain, that he was in the company of Captain Jesse Johnston in the Regiment of Samuel Hamons [sic] commanded by General Pickens in the war of Great Britain declared by the United States on the 4th of July 1776, that he enlisted ten months and that he served out the Term of his enlistment and that he also continued in the service after the Expiration of his enlistment Two months and some few days over, he further states that when his agent filed his declaration he filed it only for ten months as will be seen in the pension office, he further states that he told his agent that he served ten months by enlistment and Two months and some few days over after his Enlistment expired, he further states that when he went to the room where his agent was that he had the proceedings written out, and the Declaration was only for Ten months he states that his agent told him he would receive as much for Ten months as he would for Eighteen months upon which his Declaration went up to the pension office for Ten months only. Sworn to and subscribed before me

Test: S/ Thos. S. Deaver, JP

S/ John Green, X his mark

[p 8: On June 21, 1856, in Yancey County, NC, Joseph Green, one of the children of John Green, dec'd, late pensioner of the US from said county granted a power of attorney in which he claimed that he believed his father was entitled to an increase in his pension at the time of this death.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Green". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the mid-19th century. The signature is positioned above a closing bracket in the text block.

[p 11: James Green qualified as the administrator of the estate of John Green.]

[Facts in file: veteran died June 2, 1853 in Madison County, NC; he was living in Yancey County, NC in 1843; at the time of his death, he was survived by the following children: James, Joseph, Arthur, Aaron & Izabella Green.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum, subsequently increased to \$41.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending June 2, 1853 when he died. The pension was based upon his service in the South Carolina Cavalry as a private in the militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to John Green pp34
Audited Account No. 3068

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January 9th 1782 Received of Lieutenant Abraham Richardson my Bounty & Wagers [sic] which is one Sound Negroe for Serving Ten Months in Captain Thomas Harvey's Troop of State Light Dragoons Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond

As witness my hand

John Green, X his mark

Witness

John Hammond

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 85 Book M dated first of October 1784 "delivered to Mr. John Green late Private in Lieut. Col. Sam. Hammonds [Samuel Hammond's] Regiment of State Troops this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last."]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Samuel Hammond, James Neilson and Charles Isaac Grimball. How these men acquired an interest in the indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.