

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Greene S8606

VA

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State of Virginia (to Wit)

On this 8th day of May 1834 Personally appeared before me William Worsham a Justice of the Peace for the County of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid James Greene a resident of said County aged Eighty nine years, 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 7th 1832.

That he was a Soldier and served several tours of duty in the Militia Service of the Revolution, But by reason of Old Age and the Consequent loss of memery he cannot swear positively as to the precise periods of the war when he entered the service or the exact time, he was in service on each tour, near can he recollect the Officers that commanded him on the different tours but to the best of his recollection he was in service not less than One year and six months – the whole of that time he Acted as a private. and for such service I claim a pension.

I was born in the County of Lunenburg [sic: Lunenburg] in the State of Virginia the 29th day of October 1745.

My Age was recorded in a large Book & kept in the Family for many years. I dont know where it is now I lived in the County of Lunenburg when I entered the service of the Revolution, I lived in that County untill the year 1810 then moved to the County of Pittsylvania and have lived in that County ever since I was drafted every time I entered the service

I served with Captain [Samuel] Garland. Captain Broadnax. Captain Holloway. Captain Easham, was under Colo. [Nathaniel] Cocke Colo. Glenn. Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene &c I served a tour against the Indians on New River near the lead mines [near Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] soon after the War commenced

I seved a tour in the eastern part of Virginia

I served a tour of six months when Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates was defeated in South Carolina [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] – I served again two or three months at which time I was in the Battle of Guildford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] – and rendered other service that I do not now Recollect.

I was regularly discharged from Service. my discharges are lost – and know but few persons now living that was in Service with me and cannot not prove all the service that I rendered

Benjamin Watkins, William Dupuy, Thomas Murphey, Aden Dismang [Aden Dizmang] William Lundamon and many others can testify as to my character for Veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution. There is no Clergyman living near me

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State James hisXmark Greene

This day James Wallace [pension application S9519] of Halifax County Virginia personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the said County of Halifax and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that during the War of the Revolution he lived in the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia. that he was well acquainted with James Greene who lived at that time in the said County that he well rembers that he was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution and served several tours of duty in the said War. That this deponant was a Soldier and served two tours of duty with the said James Greene to wit They were together when Gen'l. Gates was defeated in South Carolina in the year 1780. That they were together at the Battle of Guildford North Carolina in the year 1781 That the said James Greene did to his own knowledge serve as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution not less than six months. Given under my hand this 10th day of October 1833.

NOTES:

David Callaham (pension application S16695) also certified Greene's service.

A court document dated 20 July 1838 states, "James Green (an applicant for a Pension) departed this life about the 1st of November last, that he left no widow and that Laban Green & John Green are the only children of the said James Green now known to be living." James Green's pension certificate for six months service was dated 16 Jan 1839. On 28 Feb 1854 John Green assigned power of attorney to obtain any pension benefits for the service of his father.