

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Gabriel Green W23136 Sarah Anne Green VA Half Pay
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State of Kentucky }
Henderson County Sct } On this the [blank] day of [blank] 183[?] personally appeared before me,
a J.P. in & for Henderson County, state of K’y aforesaid, Sarah Anne
Green, aged 76 years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following
declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of “July 4 1836”:
That she is the Widow of the late Lieutenant Gabriel Green who served in the Va. line, on Continental
Establishment to the close of the War as the records at the City of Richmond, and at the War Department
will abundantly shew – he having obtained from his native State (Va.) 2666²/₃ acres of land, & from the
federal Government 200 acres U.S. lands for his service to the close of the Revolutionary War; That said
Lt. G. Green was engaged as an officer against the Insurgents in the year say (1797) [sic: Whiskey
Rebellion, suppressed in 1794]. She further declares that she was married to said Lt GG on the — day of
— (mo) in the year say (1784) by parson Craig an Episcopal minister in the County of (Fauquier) in State
of Va. That her husband aforesaid died on the — day of — 1820 by a complaint supposed to be
(paraletic) stroke That at the time of her husbands decease she had Children Rich’d Neale Green aged ()
years – John Green () and Gable Grant () who since died leaving families in Ky – and has now living
Wm. Green – Amelia Ashton Wier, alias Green, and Judith Neale Green, all three living in Ky, and Sarah
Anne Boyle, alias Green, living in the State of Illinois. That she has remained a widow ever since that
period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Sworn to before me, an JP as
above by Sarah. A Green at her own residence she being thro’ bodily infirmity totally incapable of
appearing in open Court – and I certify that the affiant in this case is a Lady of the very highest
credibility

Dillon P.O. Tazewell Co Illinois/ 5th 10th Mo. 1836

James L Edwards Esq’re [Pension Commissioner]/ Respected Sir

I w’d. respectfully solicit your courteous, and considerate attention to the within paper. It regards
my mother in law, the Widow Sarah Anne Green, still living in Henderson Co., Ky. Her late husband was
an officer of distinction by the bloody battles, which he fought in the South under his Uncle, Col. John
Green of Va. Cont’l. line. This is about the substance of what she, & her children, & connections can
prove. If marriage prior to the last term of service be a sine qua non in the Law of “4th July 1836”, there
will be scarcely one in a hundred officers’ widows that can profit by it, for they the officers almost all
come out of the Revolution as single men. Lt. G. Green’s commission was (I presume) still owned by him
until he was selected by the proper authorities to march as a Cap. of Va. Militia against the Insurgents.
Hoping to hear soon, I am, with sentiments of high respect &c &c [signed] John Boyle

State of Illinois }
Tazewell County Sct } Before me A. Bowman, Justice of peace in and for Tazewell County
aforesaid personally appeared on this 10th day of November 1843 Sarah
Anne Boyle alias Green, a resident of said County, and State, and also personally well known to me, as
of high credibility, who being first duly sworn according to law, and of lawful age doth on her oath
declare, in order to obtain the benefit of the several laws of Congress for a pension, or pensions to
Officers of the Continental line, in the war of the Revolution; to their surviving widows, and lastly to the
children surviving both parents; that she is the daughter of the late Lieutenant Gabriel Green, of the
Virginia line, on Continental Establishment, in the war of the Revolution; who served as a gallant Officer
to the “end of the war” in the bloodiest battles at Ninety Six [siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun
1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], the Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep
1781] and Guildford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] (as well as memory serves) She states

that he received his lands from the State of Virginia, and the General Government, as the records at Richmond Virginia, and Washington, D.C. will abundantly prove. She further declares that her said father said that in order to obtain a pension, he would not prove his pauperism down to being worth two hundred dollars, and no more, if it were ever so; that the family record, written by her late Uncle, Augustine Green and now exhibited before me, is true as follows – “Gabriel Green Esquire, the oldest son of Major James Green departed this life on the 18th of January at 2 ‘OClock p.m., in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and twenty, aged 60 years”; She states that her late mother survived him and departed this life in the fall of the year of our Lord 1838 one thousand, Eight hundred and Thirty Eight – She states that her said mother, Sarah Anne Green, alias Grant was married to said late Lieutenant Gabriel Green, her father on the 3^d year after the close of the Revolutionary War (say) 1786 (seventeen hundred and Eighty six) by a license from the County Clerk’s County of Fauquier County, in said state of Virginia and they were joined together in wedlock by Parson Craig, the then officiating Minister of the Church of England [sic] at her late Grandfather’s, Captain William Grants of said Fauquier County Virginia

She states that her said late Mother, Sarah Anne Green, alias Grant died unacquainted with the forms, and none about her to make them out, and through ignorance of the laws of Congress, in favour of the Widows of Officers &c, &c had never applied for, or received any pension from the United States. She states that she, this deponent, Sarah Anne Boyle, alias Green alive with 8 heirs.

William Green her brother, alive with 3 heirs

Amelia Ashton Wier, alive – widow of the late Gen’l. Wm. Russel Wier [William Russell Wier] with one heir (and her sister) and Judith Neale Green her other sister, alive and single – 4 heirs alive – and Elisabeth Green, alias Haynie, alive with 3 heirs, Gabriel Jones Green, Cassandra Green, and James Green, the Children of the late Richard Neale Green, deponent’s brother; and Henry Dixon Green, and Grant Green and John Green, and Mary Anne Green, the Children of Martha Green, alias Dixon, the widow of the late John Green deponent’s second brother; and 3^{dly} Anne Green – Dixon Green, and Grant Green the Children of Mary Bailey, formerly the widow of the late Gabriel Grant Green, deponent’s brother are the sole, and alone heirs of said Lieutenant Gabriel Green and Sarah Anne Green alias Grant, deceased. She states that neither her father or mother aforesaid nor any of the heirs herein enumerated did ever (to her knowledge and belief) receive any pension from any roll of agency in any of the United States – that she has reason to believe that a pension, being a vested right, she, with the others, are entitled to receive. And further deponent sayeth not. Signed Sarah Anne Boyle
[Followed by a power of attorney assigned to John Boyle.]

Dillon June the 23^d 4^d 1845

Sir [James L. Edwards] We were all much surprized at the receipt of your last letter on yesterday, asserting that my late father, G. Green was but an Ensign, and served but for one year. Mr. Boyle, after diligent search among his multifarious papers, fortunately has found and inclosed one viz. the late Gov’r. David Campbell’s replication to his (Mr. B’s) application for additional land. My father entered the army a Cadet, under his uncle, Colo. John Green’s command, and was promoted to a Lieutenancy at a much later period than we supposed, as Gov’r Campbell’s letter would import. He was promoted to a Captaincy of Militia, as an “Elite” Officer to meet the Pennsylvania insurgents. He was called, therefore, not as a matter of courtesy, but of right, Capt. Gab’l. Green, until his death. He has told me he fought the battles of Eutaw Springs – Ninety Six &c &c. I wish this to be final, and hope you will grant whatever justice will allow. With due respect yours
Sarah A. Boyle

I do hereby certify that Lieutenant Gabriel Green of the 8th Virginia regiment, has served three years in the Continental Army.

Given under my hand this 16th day of October 1783. James Wood Colo. 1st V.R.

Executive Department/ Richmond Va. August 12 1845.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of a paper on file in this department.

Wm H. Richardson Secy Com'r.

[The original of the above appears to be in the [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#), but the online image is illegible.]

[Among [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) are documents relating to claims by the heirs for bounty land, but they add little to the preceding. The online image of the document transcribed below is fragmentary.]

...in the 1st virginia regiment, and in the Company commanded by (Captain's name not recollected) but Lt. G Greens regiment was commanded by Col. Arch'd. Campbell [see endnote]. That he knew him in the year 1781.

That he engaged for the term of the war and served as a gallant, and honorable officer to the close of the same

Attest John Boyle
[28 May 1832]

Signed John Kadgen 1st Va Ridgment

NOTES:

Col. John Green of the Virginia Continental Army and Maj. James Green of the Militia were both from Culpeper County VA.

There was no Col. Archibald Campbell in the Virginia Continental Army.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 22 Sep 1783 by Gabriel Green and Thomas Blackwell for the marriage of Green to Sarah Ann Grant.

The file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Gabriel Green signed on 15 Jan 1820 with the following provisions:

To son John Green "a negro lad named Charles which I conceive I owe him for his services in managing my business."

To "loving wife Sally" the loan of the rest of his estate during her life, and afterwards to be divided among all his children: "Richard Neale, John, Amelia Ashton, Gabriel Grant, William, Sally Boyle, and Judith."

That if daughter Sally Boyle refuses to give up "a Negro named Phebe" previously lent to her, she is to have no further part of the estate.

Also in the file is a copy of a document naming Mary Green administrator on the estate of her deceased husband, Gabriel G. Green. On the same paper is a copy of a document naming Martha Green administrator on the estate of her deceased husband, John Green, Jr.

The file includes a power of attorney assigned to John Boyle on 15 Sep 1832 before John Green, Justice of the Peace, by "Richard Neale Green, Amelia Ashton Wier, alias Green, William Green, Sarah Anne Boyle, alias Green, Judith Neale Green, Martha Green alias Dixon, widow of the late John Green Deceased with 4 children, (Henry Dixon Green, Grant Green, John Green, & Mary Anne Green), and Administratrix &c on the Estate of her husband late John Green and Mary J. Green alias Dixon, widow of the late Gabriel Grant Green deceased with 3 children viz (Sarah Anne Green, Dixon Green, & Wm. Grant Green) administratrix &c on G Greens estate all of Henderson County, State of Kentucky except Amelia A Wier, who is of Hopkins County, Ky, the 5 former, the children, and 2 latter legal Representatives in right of their late husbands, and heirs of the late Gabriel Green Esquire, who was a Lieut. in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment."

On 18 Oct 1832 William Green stated that Gabriel Green's services could be proved by John Sladyen, who stated in his own pension application S14476 that he was wounded at the battle of Eutaw Springs SC on 8 Sep 1781 while "fighting at the side of the gallant officer, the late Lieutenant Gabriel Green." William Green's statement was certified by John Green Esquire, Senior Magistrate of Henderson County and brother of Gabriel Green, and by Sarah Anne Boyle.

A document in the file dated 1 Nov 1837 certified that "by a Division of the Estate & Slaves of

Gabriel Green deceased, made by Commissioners appointed for that purpose by the County Court aforesaid, a Negro man Slave named Thornton was allotted to Sarah Ann Boyle... the wife of John Boyle formerly of Henderson County State of Kentucky, but now of Tazewell County, State of Illinois. And... that the said Negro man Slave named Thornton has not been emancipated, liberated or set free by the said John Boyle, Sarah Ann Boyle or any other person....”

On 27 Feb 1845 Elisabeth Maury of Albemarle County VA stated that she witnessed the marriage of her full sister, Sarah Anne Grant, to Gabriel Green of Culpeper County VA at the home of their father, William Grant.

A document in the file states that Gabriel Green’s land warrant for $2666\frac{2}{3}$ acres was on Muddy River and patented by William Green. The file also includes a copy of the survey.

The file includes a letter by John Boyle dated 23 April 1845 to President James Knox Polk complaining of unreasonable demands for proof of marriage by the Pension Commissioner, James L. Edwards, in the present case and also in the case of the widow of Samuel Gray (W8864).