

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Green W25657                      Elizabeth Green                      MD  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Maryland, Baltimore City Court:

Be it remembered, that, on this fifteenth day of August eighteen hundred & forty five personally appeared before the undersigned, one of the judges of the court aforesaid, Elizabeth Green, a resident of Baltimore county & state aforesaid, aged eighty — years, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, entitled “an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.”

That she is the widow of Henry Green, who enlisted as a private in the 2d Maryland Regiment, in the year 1779, to serve during the Revolutionary War, as will appear by the “muster rolls” of the Revolution, remaining in the Land Office of the state of Maryland; that he served till 1783, when the Army was disbanded.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Henry Green, on or about the twenty five day of June in the year seventeen hundred & eighty eight That her husband, the aforesaid Henry Green, died on the seventeenth day of April 1829 & that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, 1794, viz: at the time stated above; that she has remained unmarried from that time, and still is a widow; that she had by the said husband the following children Two daughters – one named Michal the other Named Patsey - who are now living.

Elizabeth herXmark Green

State of Maryland, Baltimore County, towit: – On this 17th day of August, 1846, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace for said state and county, Greenbury Gosnell, a native and always a resident of said state and county, aged eighty-nine years on the 20th day of January last, and on oath makes the following statements in reference to the Revolutionary services of Henry Green, who widow, Elizabeth Green, of said county, now an applicant for a pension from the United States, for the Revolutionary sevices of her husband, said Henry Green, viz: – Said G. Gosnell says he and said Green (Henry,) were intimate acquaintances from their youth to the time of the death of said H. Green; that they both mustered and went together into sevice under a draft, that said Green enlisted, with many more from the battallion to which he & I (said Gosnell,) were attached. He said Gosnell, saw the recruiting officer enlist said Green & others; but said Gosnell saw no more of said Green till his return home at the end of the war. Gosnell saw Green soon after his return, because they both still lived in the same neighbourhood, where they both have continued to reside till the death of Green, all the time in constant intercourse. Green on his return from the war related to Gosnell an account of the last general battle at James Town, 1781, [Battle of Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island, VA, 6 Jul 1781], and other Revolutionary incidents subsequent to that battle. Green was a little older than Gosnell. Gosnell has known Elizabeth Green, said widow, from her infancy, having been born in said county, segregated from forming part of Carrall [sic: Carroll], an adjacent county; that they lived, to his knowledge, as man and wife, within two miles of his residence, (Gosnell’s) for 50 or 55 years: and further Gosnell can say, if necessary, as to the good character &c., of said H. Green & wife. – To all all which said Gosnell subscribes his name and affixes his seal                      Greenbury hisXmark Gosnell

State of Maryland, Baltimore County, towit: – On this twenty third day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace for said county, and state aforesaid, personally appeared Greenberry Gosnell, and made oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God, that he is a native of said county and state, is ninety-one years of age on the 20th day of January, 1847, has always lived in said county; that he knew intimately, and was in uninterrupted intercourse with, (except during part of the Revolution,) Henry Green, whose widow, Elizabeth Green, is applying for a pension of

the United States for the revolutionary services of said H. Green; that H. Green was born in said county, in that part now in Carroll county in said state; that he, Gosnell, was his father's teamster in the Revolution, and very often in Baltimore town during that period; knew Col. John E. Howard [John Eager Howard] before, during the Revolution, and many years after; saw him at the head of his regiment, at said town in the war; saw said H. Green enlisted and mustered and drilled in the regiment of Col. Howard & in the company of Capt. Jordan [John Jordan, pension application W24098], frequently, before said H. Green was marched away from Baltimore, which departure Gosnell saw; he conversed with H. Green before his departure, after his enlistment; he, Gosnell remembers the recruiting officer who enlisted Green, from the fact, among others, that the officer was a proud austere Englishman, he, Gos. thinks; that he, Gos. and his companions, agreed to insult him, tripped up his heels, and would have whipped him too, threw a bucket of water on him, when the officer marched off with his drummer & fifer Gosnell saw no more of H. Green, after he left Baltimore during the war; but H. Green after told him, Gosnell, of the the war of his Green's campaigns in the south &c. particularly with said Col. Howard, speaking in the highest terms of the bravery of Col. Howard. He, Gosnell says, H. Green mustered in the said battallion & in Capt Joshua Hurd's company, with him, Gosnell; that Green some few months before Capt H's company went to Baltimore, Green went off and enlisted, and he, Gosnell, found Green as before stated, in the company and regiment under Col. Howard, at Baltimore. Gosnell says he was eight months in service himself. This certificate is in addition to what he, Gosnell has heretofore testified to in this pension case.

In witness, to the truth of the foregoing statement, the said Greenberry Gosnell, deposes to the same and affixes his name. Greenberry hisXmark Gosnell

Land Office, Annapolis/ 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1847

By the Record's of the Revolution in this Office, It appears that John Jordan, was appointed a Lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1776, was promoted to the Rank of Captain, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1777, and by a paper in this office headed "Arrangement of the Maryland line in the 5<sup>th</sup> Reg't January 1<sup>st</sup> 1781," his name appears upon said paper as having been transferred to 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, and also upon said paper is the name of John E. Howard, as Lieut. Col. of said Regiment. The records of the Revolution are very imperfect, and it appears tat changes or transfers of officers from one Regiment to another were frequently made during the Revolution, at least, I should judge so from the records.

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r Land Off. Md.

NOTES:

The file contains a record of a license issued in Baltimore County on 21 June 1788 for the marriage of Henry Green and Elizabeth Boering by a Rev. Davis.

On 27 Feb 1857 Michal King stated that Elizabeth Green died on 14 November 1851 leaving her as the only surviving child – the other child having died several years before. A document dated 1 April 1857 gives the date of Elizabeth Green's death as 14 Nov 1853. Another document states that Michal King was the widow of William King.

The file contains a copy of the "Minutes of the Baltimore Baptist Association Held by Appointment With the Black Rock Church, Baltimore County. May 15, 16, 17 & 18, 1834," with no explanation.