

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Meshack Green (Greer) ¹ W25658 Susannah Green f68NC
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State of Tennessee, Morgan County

On this the 17th day of May 1834 before me Thomas Jack, a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Morgan aforesaid personally appeared Meshack Green a resident citizen of the County of Morgan State of Tennessee aged Eighty years the 25th day of December last agreeable to his best and undoubted calculation; he having no record of his age and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in Surry County North Carolina, he entered said service under Captain William Campbell, and Lieutenant Mat [sic, Matt?] Martin the Regiment of militia to which applicant belonged Met at their usual muster ground with a view to draft of men enough to make a company to go against the Indians on the Catawba [River] and when we met, his said Captain beat up for Volunteers to supply the intended draft and applicant Volunteered and the company was made up. They accordingly Embodied under his said Captain William Campbell and Lieutenant Mat Martin to serve a Tour of six months as a volunteer to supply the place of the intended draft, they were a company of musketry, he entered the service some time in the spring season of the year he is not certain a month or day, he verily believes it was in April he cannot say in what year from the great lapse of time and want of memory but he believes it was in the year 1778 they marched on to and stationed a while near one Peters [?], and thence to the River and after being at various places marched to and stationed near a little Town called Germantown stayed there some time in readiness to go against the British, but was not called on applicant was finally discharged, at said place sometime in the ensuing fall after having served the full term of six months applicant had a written discharge from his said Captain William Campbell for a six months Tour which discharge applicant lost or mislaid in some way a great many years ago so that he has no written or documentary Evidence of his service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service, applicant has not understood till of late that he could get a pension without certain proof applicant has no doubt but that he can prove his good character for veracity and the Traditionary proof of his being a soldier of the Revolution by the Respectable part of his acquaintance and in fact by the neighborhood generally some of whom he will name Elijah Lavender, Eli L. Taber, Major Ross, Colonel Staples he positively states that there is no clergyman any place in his present neighborhood, nor within in the reasonable distance of him, after the End of the Revolutionary War deponent removed to Pendleton County South Carolina lived there many years then to Roan County [Roane County] East Tennessee lived there awhile and moved to Anderson County Tennessee and then moved to where he now lives in Morgan County, East Tennessee, applicant hereby relinquishes Every claim Whatsoever to a pension or annuity Except the present and Declares his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

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That he Sworn to and subscribed the day and year last above mentioned.
S/ Thomas Jack, JP

S/ Meshack Green, X his mark

[John Howard and Willis Coal made the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On December 4, 1855, in Morgan County Tennessee, Susannah Green a resident of Morgan County, aged 89 years, made application for a widow's pension stating that she was the widow of Meshack Green; that she married him January 1, 1794; that he died at his own residence in Morgan County Tennessee on June first 1850. She signed her application with her mark.]

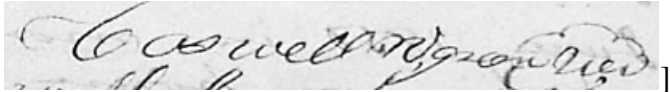
[p 16: On December 4, 1855 in Morgan County Tennessee, the widow also applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. In this document she states that her name prior to her marriage was Susannah Greene, the same name as her husband. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 61: On March 27, 1857 in Morgan County Tennessee, the widow gave additional evidence saying that she has no record proof of her marriage but submits the family record showing the ages of her children as proof of her marriage. This file, however, does not contain any family record.]

[p 62: On March 27, 1857 in Morgan County Tennessee, John Green, a resident of said County, aged 61 as of March 13, 1857 according to a record he has in his Bible, gave testimony that he is the oldest child of his parents, Meshach and Susannah Green; that his father drew a pension as a revolutionary war pensioner. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 67: On February 22, 1866 in Morgan County Tennessee, Susannah Green, 89, a resident of said County, applied for the restoration of her pension benefit as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner.

[p 17: Caswell Green gave a supporting affidavit regarding the identity of the widow. His relationship, if any, to the widow and/or the veteran is not stated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Caswell Green", written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed in square brackets.

[p 39: On June 8, 1858 in Morgan County Tennessee, the widow gave testimony that she and her husband were married in Greenville District South Carolina by Esquire Maxfield. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]