Pension Application of Thomas Green S31702 VA

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[Punctuation edited.]

State of Georgia } S.S.
County of Jasper } On this fifth day of January Eighteen hundred and thirty five personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County sitting as a Court of Ordinary, the same being a Court of record, Thomas Green a resident of said County and State, aged Seventy six years, who being first 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 entered the service of the United States in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy seven – in the fall – as he believes, as a substitute for William Mitchell of Charlotte County State of Virginia – where deponent also lived at the time – and at the Courthouse of said County he entered the service as substitute as aforesaid for a term of three months under Captain Josiah Morton. Lieutenant Joseph Morton – commonly called Little Joe Morton. That they marched to Petersburgh [sic: Petersburg] thence down to Williamsburg (crossed James River near Jamestown) and here remained at Williamsburgh a few days and then together with the other companies from Charlotte County marched down to Hampton on the seaboard and then sailed in a vessel up to Portsmouth where other troops were stationed – here they remained a short time and were discharged and then returned to his home in Charlotte County. He can not recollect the names of any of the higher officers under whom he served. In the month of February Seventeen hundred and eighty one he volunteered in Charlotte County, Virginia, in the militia of said State in the Company commanded by Captain William Morton, brother of his former captain, in the Battalion commanded by Major Porter of Charlotte County, and marched from Charlotte C. H. and marched across Dan river and entered the State of North Carolina and marched in the direction of Guilford C. H. [Guilford Courthouse] to join Gen’l. Green’s [sic: Nathanael Greene’s] army and joined Gen’l. Greens troops before reaching Guilford C. H. that they marched thither and he was present and engaged in the battle at that place on the fifteen day of March 1781. he recollects before the action and in it to have seen at frequent times Gen’l. Greene, Col. [William] Washington, Col. [Henry] Lee, & General [Edward] Stevens, who commanded the Virginia [militia] troops – among whom the applicant was. After the battle the army marched to the Iron works [on Troublesome Creek] about nine miles from the scene of action where he was selected to attend James Speed [pension application X751] the Lieutenant of the deponents company and who was shot through the body at Guilford C. H. and he did attend him for some weeks at the Hospital at Col. Peter Perkins’ on Dan River [Berry Hill Plantation, Pittsylvania County VA]. Doctors Brown & Guilder were the surgeons attending the wounded & performed an incision on Lieut. Speed. He then went home to Charlotte County and procured a carriage and conveyed Lieutenant Speed thither – and this was the expiration of his service as well as he recollects. He had a brother engaged in the battle of Guilford – Burwell Greene [Burwell Green] – a regular soldier whose name may be found on the revolutionary rolls at the Department of War. Burwell Greene is now dead and this applicant knows of no living testimony of his service. He states that William Greene [William Green], another brother was also a regular soldier and was killed in the northern campaigns. He was born he thinks in the year 1758 and there is a record of his age in the County of Wilkes, Georgia, where he lived about twenty five years since then in Jasper County. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any State, or (if any) only on that of the agency in the State of Georgia. The applicant never received any written discharges. He refers to Meshack Lowing, a Clergyman, & Littleton Johnson & Jesse Loyall, for his character for veracity &c.
NOTE: On 24 Oct 1832 Green submitted an application that is less detailed than the one transcribed.