Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Benoni Gresham VAS3775 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia indexed as Greshom, Benoni.]

State of Virginia King and Queen County SS

I Alexander Shackelford [S7506] of the state and County aforesaid aged seventy five years do hereby certify that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Jacobs [VAS3776] of Middlesex County and Benoni Gresham of King and Queen County, and that they the said Jacobs & Gresham served three years in the same company and same regiment with him the said Alexander Shackelford in the army of the United States in the revolutionary war, and that they enlisted at the same time and place with him and under Charles Collier [VAS3068] of King and Queen who was a Captain in the army of the united States and that we all marched together from the county of King and Queen to Williamsburg and from thence to the Valley forge and from thence to Monmouth and were in the battle at Monthmouth [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778] and we were together fully three years in the service and I have my certificate for a pension from the government. Given from under my hand this twelfth day of March 1834.

Alexander hisXmark Shackleford

State of Virginia Essex County S.S.

I Carter Croxton [S9250] resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy three years, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Benoni Gresham of King and Queen County and I know well that he enlisted in the continental army of the United States as a Soldier in the revolutionary war and know that the said Benoni Gresham served three years in the revolutionary army Given from under my hand this eighteenth day of March 1834.

Carter Croxton Sen'r

Petition for bounty land.

Benoni Gresham }

& } Solds C.L.

Benjamin Jacobs }

Two respectable witnesses – Alexander Shackleford & Carter Croxton, prove that Benoni Gresham enlisted & served three years in the Va. Continental line.

One witness – Carter Croxton, proved that Benjamin Jacobs served three years in the same Regt with him, & under the same Captain – viz Charles Collier of King & Queen County.

The above is the whole of the proof which has been offerd.

Resp'ly submitted/ John H. Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency/ Gov. Tazewell

May 24th 1834

Memo. Benoni Greshams name has not been found on the army Register. That of Benjamin Jacobs has been found there. He received £115.7.4 the bal. of his full pay as soldier of Infantry.