

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Green R4240

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State of Kentucky } Sct

Mercer County } }

On this 3rd day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful Justices of s'd County now sitting, Benjamin Green a resident of s'd County of Mercer and State of Ky. Aged Eighty eight 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered as a private in Capt Wallace Company he does not now recollect whether Infantry militia or Volunteer service and marched from Stafford County Virginia where he then lived to the South in the Battalion commanded by Major Williams he does not now recollect who was the Colonel that commanded the Regiment, he thinks it was Weeden [sic: George Weedon] They marched to North Carolina and returned through Virginia to Baltimore and from thence to Philadelphia where they were stationed for some time from thence they returned to Baltimore where they were honorably discharged having served fully nine months he thinks it was in 1776 or 7 that he served, he states solemnly upon Oath that he served nine months faithfully and that his memory has greatly failed him so that he cannot recollect all the circumstance of his service, he does not recollect certainly the year he entered the army, he knows it was some where in Stafford County when he joined the army after his discharge he was employed to pilot boats in the Potomack [sic: Potomac] River & Chesapeake bay which was the cause of his not serving more in the war he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service and he has no documentary evidence to establish it; having long since lost his discharge He here by relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state Benjamin hisXmark Green

The further Declaration of Benjamin Green made in order to enable him to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

Deponent states that he is not certain whether he served as a regular soldier, or volunteer, what he received for his service was in paper money, and worth but little, he knows he served faithfully nine months in the army of the United States and was honorably discharged at Baltimore, he recollects no additional fact or circumstance connected with his service, he recollects two of his brothers, Samuel [Samuel Green] & John Green. Samuel served with him nine months when they were discharged, and then both of his brothers Samuel & John enlisted under Captain Wallace for during the war [see endnote], and marched to the south and returned no more untill the war ended the last time heard from them they were living in Maryland which was about Fifty years ago, he recollects the names of those who served in mess with him (to wit) Samuel Green, George Donathan, Hosea Roger [Hosea Rogers, pension application S38333], George Flowers, and John Garnett, as he stated before he does not now recollect whether they were considered regulars or volunteers he well recollects that his brother Sam & John served as regulars afterwards for during the war, he recollects one other circumstance, that when they marched to the south they tried to force the officers & soldiers over the line and they refused and were march back to to Baltimore and were stationed there as guards untill discharged, he knows of no persons living in this state by whom he can prove his services, and he has no knowledge of the residence of any of his mesmates if living. he makes this a part of his previous declaration, his claim is but small but strictly just, and if allowed he can enjoy it but for a few more winters at fartherest he is now in his 88th year and will abide the decision of the Department. and farther sayeth not,

Benjamin hisXmark Green

NOTE: Green's claim was rejected because the Pension Office could not determine how he served. Because enlistments for during the war were not possible in the militia, Green was most likely in the Continental army. Hosea Rogers stated that he served under Gustavus Brown Wallace in the 3rd Virginia Continental Regiment, which was commanded by Col. George Weedon from 13 Aug 1776 until 21 Feb 1777.