

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Sampson (Samson) Green R4274
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[VA]

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Virginia }

County of Bedford }

On this 27th day of Oct. 1832 personally appeared before me N. Robertson a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, Sampson Green a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged Eighty 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 the 7th 1832

That he entered the Service of the united States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, That he was a citizen of urope and was born in Paris in France, and was drafted in behalf of the united states to fight against Great Britton; under Captain John Beard and was then put under Col. James Count de Grass to serve a tour of seven years, and then sailed to America, under the command of the above named Col. and was in the Battle at the Horse Neck, from thence he was marched to a place by the name of the parch corn hills, and was in a battle at that place, from thence he was marched to the Cowpens in South carolina and fought in the Battle of that place [sic: Battle of Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781] from thence [sic] he was marched to and was in the Battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], from thence to York Town in Virginia and was engaged in the Battle at the taking of Cornwallis [sic: Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and was in the army when peace was made at which time he the applicant was honorably discharged after having been in the service as above mentioned for four years and 2 or 3 months, and he the applicant has no documentary testamony by which he can establish his claim nor does he now any person by whome he can prove the same by, that he can with any kind of convenience procure, and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any state except that of the state aforesaid, and the said applicant further declares that he is too old and infirm to ride to the courthouse to make his declaration, on the asc't of various wound that he the applicant rec'd. while in the service aforesaid. Sworn To and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Samson hisXmark Green

Question 1st. Where and in what year were you Born. Answer I was born in parris the day and date I do not recollect

2nd have you any record of your age, and If so where is it. Answer I have none

3th Where were you Living when called Into Service Where have you Lived Since the revolutionary war and where do you now Live. Ans. I have lived in various places in the United States and now live in the county of Bedford state Va.

4th how were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute and If a Substitute for whome. Ans. I was drafted.

5th State the names of Some of the regular officers, who were with the troops, where you served; such Continental and militia regements as you can recollect, and the general circumstance of our service. Ans. The same as has before been stated in the foregoing declaration

6th did you ever receive a discharge from the Service, & If So By Whome was It given, and what has become of It. Ans. I rece'd. a discharge from my Col. James County de Grass which discharge has been burnt, by the loss of my house.

7th State the names of persons to whome you are known in your neighbourhood and who can Testyfy as to your character for varacity and their Beleif of your Services as a Soldier of the revolution. The applicant names the persons named in the preceeding certificate and could name many others but it is deemed unnecary though it would be attended with a great deal of trouble and expense, as he the applicant lives in a very remote part of the country from where he rendered the service that he sets fourth in the preceding declaration

Sampson hisXmark Green

N.B. The applicant was in the Battle at Charles town South Carolina [sic: Siege of Charleston SC, spring 1780] & was severly wounded in the same and was also wounded in the Battle of Brandy Wine

N. Robertson JP

NOTES:

Although Green did not claim to serve from Virginia, Fold3 has his records grouped with that state.

Neither the Continental Congress nor any of the states had the power to draft citizens of a foreign country. I could find no record of a Col. James Compte de Grass. There was, of course, the French naval officer François-Joseph-Paul Comte de Grasse.

“Battle of Horse Neck” may refer to one of the following engagements: Horseneck (Greenwich) CT on 26 Feb 1779 or 9 Dec 1780; Kings Bridge NY, 17 Jan 1777 or 3 July 1781. The engagement at Horseneck CT on 16 Feb 1779 is most consistent with other dates in the declaration.

Green’s claim was rejected, because the pension act did not provide for soldiers of a foreign army.