

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Green S10207

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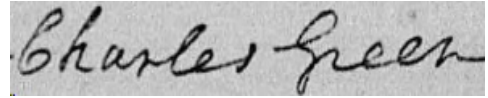
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District of Columbia

City of Washington

On this 10th day of March 1834, personally appeared before undersigned Charles Green a resident of the County of Westmoreland, State of Virginia, aged seventy three 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed the 7th of June 1832. That he was duly enrolled as a private in the Company of Militia, in the County of Westmoreland aforesaid, commanded by Capt. Wm. Nelson [William Nelson] in the year 1776, very soon after the commencement of the war of the Revolution [sic: 19 Apr 1775]. That from the time of his said enrollment to the close of the said War, he was under orders to hold himself ready at a moments warning to repair to any designated rendezvous in the said County of Westmoreland with three days provision & there to remain till discharged. That there were four extensive Public Tobacco Warehouses in the County aforesaid, one public Ferry, & many Boats on the Potomac river, besides numerous bodies of Slaves & all the defenceless property & persons in that region, at all time liable to injury from the fleet of the enemy, which occupied the Potomac River during the whole war, except at very short intervals. That in the performance of the aforesaid service in obedience to the many calls on him, the Declarant, owing to the great lapse of time, the want of any record or other written evidence, & by reason of old age, cannot now pretend to designate, with satisfaction to himself, the precise dates of a[ll] those Tours of duty or their exact duration. All he can recollect & say is, that he performed a Tour of three months in 1776 under Capt. Wm Nelson; that the rendezvous then was at Appleby on Potomac River, & the movement of the Company was governed by the movement of the fleet of the enemy, so as to protect the Tobacco Warehouses at Malton Bridge, Leeds Town [Leedstown], Nomony [sic: Nomini] River & Kinsale; the Ferry & other Boats, slaves &c &c. That after performing the above Tour, he in the same year volunteered for two months under Maj'r. Joell [possibly B. Edgar Joel], who commanded a Corps of Volunteers to act on both the Rivers Potomac & Rappahannock rivers. That this Corps, or divisions of it, was stationed & acted, according to the movements of the enemy in either River – which movements were such as to harrass the American troops as much at possible. That in the year 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, & 1781, the Tours, as well as this declarant now recollects, were frequent, but of short duration. He therefore cannot now designate with precision the date of the several calls or the duration of the Tours. That in 1777, he was several times called out under Capt. Nelson, and marched to some one or more of the aforesaid warehouses for their defence & verily believes he served — months or da[edge of page]. In 1778 he was in the course of that year called out under the same Captain frequently to perform the same service & feels confident he served not less than — months. In 1779 he was often called on to perform the same service under Capt. Elliott Monroe. That he continued to serve in all his Tours under Capt. Monroe till his death, which he thinks happened some time in the last of 1779 or early in 1780. That he then served several Tours, under Capt. Francis Smith in 1780; That in these Leeds Town, Malton Bridge, Nomony Ferry & Kinsale were to be protected from threatened mischief. That in 1781 half of the Militia of Westmoreland County was marched to the seige of York; the other half remained at home, in which this declarant was, and, under Captain Francis Smith, served two months in protecting the aforesaid Public Warhouses After the surrender of York Town [19 Oct 1781] he was no more called on to perform service. That according to the best estimate of the aggregate time he served in short Tours in 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, it would be six months, which added to the five months served in 1776, & two months in 1781, makes an aggregate of thirteen months, which he claims to have served as a Soldier as aforesaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension, or an annuity, except the present, and he declares, that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency, in any State. And in answer to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, he

says, that he was born in the County of Westmoreland, that he has no record of his age, but that he is seventy three years old; That he resided in Westmoreland County when he was enrolled as a Militia-man; that he has resided in said County since the War of the Revolution & he now resides there. That he was never in any but the Militia-service. That he never served under any Continental officer, or with any Continental Corps. That the persons of his age in his neighborhood who could have testified as to his military services are either dead or emigrated to parts unknown to him; that Wm Storke JM, John Taliaferro, Wm Darnaby & divers others have testified to the good character of the declarant.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Green".

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of Charles Green, deceased, received his pension payment for the period 4 Sep 1840 to 4 March 1842.