

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Greening W10071

Sarah Greening

VA

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State of Kentucky, Clarke [sic: Clark] County Sct.

On this 28th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of the County aforesaid now sitting James Greening a resident of said County aged eighty years on the twenty second day of last march, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain 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.

I was born in Louisa County and State of Virginia and in that part of said County which afterwards [sic: 1744] constituted Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] County and I continued to live there from the period of my birth until the month of November 1802, when I removed from Albermarle County aforesaid to said Clarke County in this State where I now live and have lived ever since november 1802.

I was born on the 22^d day of March 1752 and have a record of my age at home in my Family Bible.

At all times when called into the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War I was living in Albermarle County aforesaid.

1st In the month of January 1776 I entered the service of the United States, in Albermarle County, in the Virginia Militia as a substitute for John Greening who had been drafted for a tour therein, and I marched under Captain John Talliaferro [sic: John Taliaferro] (William Flint being the Lieutenant of the Company) from Albermarle County to Fredericksburg in said State, where I stayed on duty ninty days and there I was discharged. During this tour the Haystack defeat happened, but I was not engaged in that battle nor in any other during the War. Col [George] Baylor commanded us & one Clow [sic: Alexander Clough] was our Major. I received no written discharge from this tour, on which I served ninty days but I have no documentary evidence of my said service.

2^d In the same year (as well as I can recollect) but the month I have forgotten I again entered the service as a drafted militia man in the Virginia Militia in Albermarle County and thence marched under Capt William Dalton (Robert Harris being the Lieutenant) to Richmond – thence to Williamsberg [sic: Williamsburg] – thence to the mouth of James River and thence to Norfolk and on this tour I served ninty days and was discharged on Elizabeth River and not far from Green's Island. I have forgotten the name of the Colonel and Major under whom I served this tour. I recollect that [George] Weedon was our General and while I was engaged in this tour Governor Dunmore crossed Hampton roads and was driven from Elk Island, as I at that time understood by rumour. I don't remember the month in which I was discharged, except that it was during one of the Fall months. From my first tour above mentioned I was discharged in the month of April 1776. I did not receive a written discharge from this tour and I have no documentary evidence of my said service.

I cannot prove positively my services aforesaid by any person except my brother Nehemiah Greening [pension application S38762] who, if alive, now resides in Albermarle County in the State of Virginia, as I verily believe.

I believe that my brother Robert Greening will prove circumstances conducing to shew that I was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

I am not able from old age and consequent loss of memory to state with more precision than I have done the time when I entered said service, nor when I was discharged therefrom but I know that I served not less than six months [in] the two tours above set forth.

I cannot recollect the names of the General or Regimental officers under whom I served as aforesaid except as above – and I don't remember the names of any of the regular officers who were in the service with me. I recollect that Peter Marks was a Captain in said War and as well as I can remember he

was in the regular service, when I was out on one of the tours aforesaid but which tour I have forgotten and he was on said tour above.

I claim a pension for six months service as above set forth.

And from the extreme frailty of my memory I may have mistated the year when I performed said tours but I have stated it as accurately as my memory would serve me.

I am known in my present neighbourhood to Col. Francis F. Jackson, Hay Tallafarro, David Hampton Esq, James Clark Esq late Member of Congress from this District, Chilton Allan Esq the present Member of Congress from this District and I am Samuel M Taylor Esq, who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution

And I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
James hisXmark Greening

Robert Greening also appeared in open Court before said Court and personally made oath that he is sixty nine years old – that the above named James Greening is his brother – that he said Robert Greening, now lives in Scott County in this State – that Nehemiah Greening is the brother of the said James Greening and that said Nehemiah Greening, if alive, now resides in Albermarle County, in the State of Virginia – the said Robert Greening states that during the Revolutionary War said James Greening marched in the Militia of Virginia, and was absent three months on that service as the deponent then understood and believed and that he marched twice afterwards on the same service but how long he stayed out either time the deponent does not remember

Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of January 1833 Robert hisXmark Greening

And again on this 25th day of february 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the county Court of Clarke County aforesaid, now sitting the aforesaid James Greening who further made oath and doth declare that in the fall of the year 1780 the day of the month and the month I have forgotten I was drafted in Albermarle County in the State of Virginia for a tour in the Virginia Militia and marched from said County in the Company of Capt Wallace (one Wood being a Lieutenant in said company) to Richmond in said state and thence to a place called “Flour hundred” or “Flowery Hundred” [sic: Flowerdew Hundred] and thence to a place called Cabbin Point [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County] on James River in said State and I was stationed there with the regular troops and on this tour I served forty days and was discharged at Petersberg but not in writing. I have no documentary evidence of my service on this tour and I don’t know any person now living by whom I can prove said service except my brother Nehemiah Greening who now lives in Albermarle County aforesaid. Said Nehemiah Greening and my brother John Greening, who is dead, were then in the regular service and stationed at Cabin Point as before stated. I don’t remember the names of the Field officers over me or in service on this tour and my reason for not setting forth this tour in my former declaration is that I had then forgotten it and I refer to the statement above of my brother Robert Greening as tending to prove that I rendered services on three distinct tours I therefore claim a pension for forty days service in addition to the six months set forth and claimed for in my former declaration. Subscribed and sworn to on the aforesaid 25th day of february 1833

James hisXmark Greening

NOTE: On 8 may 1850 Sarah Greening, 86, of Boone County MO, applied for a pension stating that she married James Greening in Albemarle County in 1784 or 1785, and he died on 4 June 1836. Her claim was certified by John Crosthwaite and Martha Greening. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 19 Nov 1786 by James Greening and Thomas Crothwait for the marriage of Greening to “Sarah Crothwait Spinster.”