

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Greene Capron W639¹

Lydia

fn38SC[sic, RI]

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations County of Kent SS

On this 29th day of August A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Common pleas now sitting Greene Capron a resident of East Greenwich in said County of Kent aged seventy-four 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 was born on the 19th day of August A.D. 1758 in West Greenwich in said County of Kent, and that the time of his birth is recorded in the records in the town clerk's office in said East Greenwich. That in the year 1775 he was living in said East Greenwich, when to the best of his recollection, he enlisted as a private in the month of April in Captain Archibald Crary's [?] Company of Colonel James M. Varnum's [?] Regiment of troops raised by said State of Rhode Island &c for the term of eight months. That shortly after said enlistment he marched to Boston with his company and Regiment at which place and in the vicinity he remained until he was discharged from said Regiment at the expiration of said eight months – John L Dexter of Providence was Lieutenant of said company and Ephraim Weeden was Ensign. The Lieutenant Colonel of said Regiment was Babcock, in the Major Christopher Greene and said Varnums Regiment with two others from said State composed a brigade under Brigadier General Nathaniel Greene [Nathanael Greene]. That in the spring of the year 1776 this applicant enlisted as a private in Captain Job Penice [Job Pearce?] company of Colonel Richmond's Regiment of troops raised by said State for nine months. That most of said last mentioned term said Regiment and company was stationed at Bristol & Newport in said State. That said Captain Penice did not serve in said company but for about 2 months when Captain Malachi Hammett took the command of said company and towards the last of said term said Hammetts company was ordered to Long Island to bring off [indecipherable word] belonging to General Floyd which was

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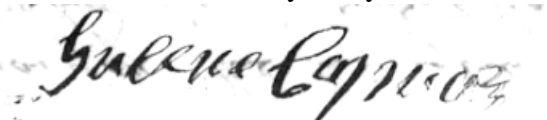
in danger from the enemy which object was effected and said company commanded with the same at Saybrook in Connecticut from which place said company marched to New London where they were discharged after said service of nine months.

That in the spring of 1777 he entered in a company commanded by Captain Malachi Hammet, and was stationed with 4 other enlisted companies in North Kingstown in said State, said enlistment was for 6 months which time he served out and was discharged said detachment of 5 companies was most of the time under the command of Colonel Thomas Potter as he believes of the militia of said State – said Hammets company was raised by said State of Rhode Island and this applicant served therein as a Sergeant.

That soon after said last mentioned discharge he joined an independent company of militia in said County of Kent called the Kentish Guards, and immediately after, marched with said company to Bristol in said State and said company was in actual service for 2 months from thence they marched to East Greenwich and from thence were ordered on to the [indecipherable word] of Connecticut in Narragansett Bay where they were stationed for one month, from thence said company returned to said East Greenwich and was on duty for about 2 months during the whole of said terms of service said applicant did duty in said company of Kentish Guards as a private and while the applicant served in said company Richard Fry [?] was Col., William Arnold Lieutenant Colonel, Christopher Greene of [indecipherable word] was Major and Sylvester Greene was Captain or Ensign thereof.

That in the fall or autumn of the year 1778 he enlisted as a private in a company under Captain Daniel Green at Beaufort in the State of South Carolina and served for 2 months in said company on the Island of St. Helena in said State where he was discharged and then he enlisted as a private in Captain Thomas Lacey's [?] Company raised as well as said Daniel Green's company, as he [indecipherable word] by the State of South Carolina and served therein for the span of one month on said island of St. Helena.

That he has no documentary evidence. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greene Capron". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[James Miller and Samuel Sweet gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 11: On March 25, 1853 in the County of Providence, Rhode Island, Lydia Capron, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Greene Capron a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$90 per annum; that she married him May 25, 1823 in East Greenwich; that her husband died March 27, 1843 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: certificate of marriage dated May 25, 1823 subscribed by G. Palmer, Elder, attesting the marriage of Green Capron to Lydia Carpenter, widow, both of East Greenwich.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private and 6 months service as a Sergeant in these Rhode Island and South Carolina service.]