

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Green W7557

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State of North Carolina, Haywood County

On this fifth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Judge of the Superior Court of law & equity now sitting for the County of Haywood and the State aforesaid being a court of Record William Green a resident of said County & State aged 70 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 & served as herein Stated he entered the Service of the United States about the last of February in the year 1778 or 9 in the company of Captain Richard Christmas as a drafted three months Militia man in the town of Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Tinnen [Hugh Tinnen] of the North Carolina Militia & was marched to Charleston & at the siege of that City was under the Command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] where he was taken prisoner by the British commanded by Sir Henry Clinton and after being detained eight days was liberated on parole.¹

In the Summer of the year 1782 he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the troop of cavalry Commanded by Captain William Douglas for three months & found his own horse and was in the Battle fought at Coxes on Deep River North Carolina by Major O'Neal of the Militia he was in a skirmish at Hillsboro North Carolina under Captain Davis Grissom [Davis Gresham] where an attack was made on the Tory – Colonel Fannon [sic, David Fanning] with a view to release a number of American prisoners under his charge among whom was Governor Burke [Thomas Burke] of North Carolina and in a subsequent attack on said Fanning for the same purpose made by General John Butler of the Militia & Colonel Robert Mebane of the regular troops at Livingston's Bridge about 15 miles from Wilmington after which he served under Major Griffiths of the North Carolina Militia Cavalry until advice was received of the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] when he was discharged he further declares that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove any part of his Service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service except Peter Stroud whose affidavit is hereto annexed who proves his service of a three months tour under Captain Douglass & Major Griffiths.

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Where & in what year were you born

I was born in the County of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia on the 6th [?] day of February in the year 1762

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it --

¹ Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780

I have no record of my age in my possession

Where were you living when called into Service Where have you lived Since the revolutionary War & where do you now live

I lived in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina when called into Service have lived since in the County of Burke and now live in the County of Haywood in said State

How were you called into Service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute & if a A substitute for whom

I was drafted the first tour I served, the second I volunteered

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you recollect & the general circumstances of your Service

I know General Lincoln & Colonel Robert Mebane of the Regular troops & Colonel Archibald Lytle who commanded what was called the new levies or 18 month men at the siege of Charleston & his brother Captain William Lytle I know no others except the militia officers heretofore named that I recollect

Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

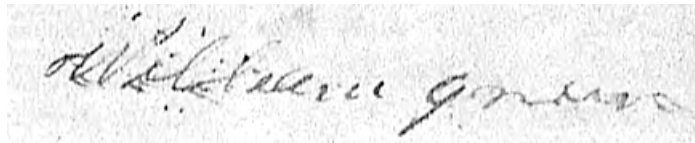
I never received a written discharge

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behavior your services as a Soldier of the Revolution

I am known in my present neighborhood by Nelson G. Howell & Jacob Smith

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Green

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Green", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Jacob Smith and Nelson G. Howell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Burke County

Personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice of the peace for said County Peter Stroud Senior – and after being duly sworn in due form of law, depose & saith he saw William Green Senior – now a citizen of Haywood County North Carolina in the service of the United States sometime in the year 1782 (as he believes) under the command of Captain William Duglass of the Horse & Major Griffith from Halifax County North Carolina and that said Green was a soldier & served a three months tour under said Captain Duglass & Major Griffith and was always viewed as a true Whig during the revolution.

Given under my hand & seal Sworn to & subscribed before me James Avery one of the Acting Justices for said County, this 26th day of September 1832

In presence of

Signed by S/ Peter Stroud, X his mark

S/ James Avery, JP

State of North Carolina, Haywood County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term A.D. 1836

This day personally appeared in open Court William Green a resident of said County aged 75 years next February – who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he was drafted in the militia between the 12th & 20th day of February in the year 1780 at Hillsboro – in Orange County North Carolina – that he mustered at that time under Captain James Trice, was mustered into the service of the United States under Captain Richard Christmas marched thence to Scott's Ferry – was there attacked by the British and had to take refuge on

board of some boats in the bay and push off for Lamprese [sic, Lampriers Point or Lempriere's Point] above Fort Moultrie – we then threw up breast works and were commanded by Colonel Malberry [sic, [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne]] a French Colonel and compelled the British to give way after a cannonading of about one hour – Colonel Malmedy ordered the whole to Charleston, we were placed under General Lincoln and there remained until we surrendered, say about 36 days after our arrival – we were confined in barracks for the space of 8 days – the militia were permitted to go about – but the regulars were placed in close confinement – that the expiration of 8 days we were marched out of the city 5 miles under guard and permitted to go home as a parole which deponent has since lost – was out on that tour – 3 months and 14 days as deponent believes as he was drafted on the 10th or 12th day of February – and discharged on the 10th of May 1780 and reached home about the 9th day in the evening. Reentered the service again in the same year that Governor Burke was taken prisoner by Fanning, date not recollected as a volunteer under Captain Davis Grissom on the day of the General Muster at Hillsboro or rather 3 miles below Hillsborough Captain Grissom beat for Volunteers to waylay the road for Colonel Fanning to release the prisoners that Fanning had taken there were 10 men Volunteered under Captain Grissom-- and marched out and met Fanning on the South side of Eno River of home your deponent was one – one killed one of the Tory party and took another prisoner – beside about 5 hundred dollars worth of property such as horses linen [?] &c a part of which was restored to the owners having been plundered from some of our neighbors, we did not succeed however in releasing the prisoners which we understood were about 400 in number – Governor Burke of North Carolina being of the number – we marched thence towards Fayetteville and placed our prisoner under guard at William Rhodes – we then mounted our horses and took a rear [?] route to Lindley's Mill on Haw River, we met Colonel Robert Mebane with several of his men in the fork of the River on his retreat from Lindley's Mill we were placed then by Colonel Mebane at the Ford of the River to keep a watch until the Colonel & his men went up to the old field & cook, ate & rested for the night – next morning we were marched to the battleground at Lindley's Mill and helped to bury the dead Deponent counted 31 dead on the ground, besides several others that were at Lindley's Mill near the widow Laughlin's, Colonel Literal [sic, John Luttrell] died at the latter house, We then pursued Fanning and met a party of British on a Bridge called Liviston [? Livingston?] on a Creek who were sent out to cover Fanning's rear we engaged this party of about 300 in number and after an engagement of about one quarter of an hour we were compelled to retreat we were commanded at this place by General Butler who overtook us before we reached Livinston's [? sic, Livingston's] Bridge I then left Captain Grissom and joined Captain William Douglass and marched to Orange the latter Captain commanded a horse company we kept headquarters at William Stroud's, we started one night to Deep River & joined Major O'Neal and met Fanning at Cox's on Deep River where he kept his headquarters and engaged with him we killed 9 man and took 9 prisoners among whom was one of Fanning's Chief Captains Meredith Edwards – we had none [could be nine] killed but had 2 wounded-- Lieutenant Robert Christmas & ___ Dandy we took our prisoners from there and sent them to Hillsboro Jail, we stopped at Stroud's and scoured the neighborhood for about 10 days Major Griffith of Halifax County joined us with 75 or 80 men in scouring the Country after Major Griffith joined us we took a Tory by name John Waterman and Major Griffith hung him on the road that leads from Wilkesboro to Fayetteville, Captain Douglass and his men returned from there to Stroud's Major Griffith & his men went down Haw River -- & hung a Tory Captain by name Frank Irvine and at that time my tour of 3 months was out, but I still remained with Captain Douglass about 10 or 12 days longer and then we received the news of the capture of Cornwallis. We were then dismissed this tour was 3 months and 12 days between the aforementioned tours I was out with Captain Grissom about 10 or 12 days scouring Orange County. Deponent was born in Prince Edward County & State of Virginia in the year 1762 – I have a record of my age in my Father's Bible – was living in Orange County Hillsboro District when called into service, & State of North Carolina moved thence to Burke County and same State – and now live in Haywood County & State aforesaid – I have never received a discharge having been first taken prisoner and

permitted to go home on parole & was dismissed at the end of the war but received no discharge.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October 19th, 1836.

S/ Wm Johnston, Clk

S/ William Green

[Robert Love, Sr., and James B. Love gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On January 27, 1846, in Carroll County, Ga., Kissiah Green, 85, made application seeking a widow's pension stating that she was the widow of William Green, a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services at the rate, she believes, of \$96 per annum; that she married him March 9, 1781; and that he died March 2, 1837; that they were married by Thomas Brown of Orange County and that her sister Susannah Mashburn was present at the wedding.]

[Facts in file: William and Kissiah Green had 4 children, but only their eldest, Thomas, who was born in 1781, is named in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]