Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of McKeen Greene (Green) [1] W7561 Frances Greene f92GA
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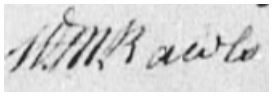
[p 55]
Middle Florida, Gadson [sic, Gadsden] County

Personally appeared before me William Rawls of said County who being duly sworn deposeth & saith he this Deponent has every reason to believe McKeen Greene was an active friend to his Country through the American Revolutionary War that he was an inhabitant of the State of Georgia when the British forces took Savannah principally in 1778 or 1779 the said Greene left Georgia as the state fell, took refuge in South Carolina on Savannah River, served as a Volunteer under Captain Joshua Inman until the fall of Charleston (South Carolina) he then fled to North Carolina with his Captain & many others, joined Colonel Sumter on the Catawba Old fields, Soon after joined Col. E. Clarke a refugee from Georgia & was in a hot engagement at Musgrove's Mill Enoree River Colonel Clarke & Shelby, Jas. Williams & other Colonels commanded the American forces, & Colonel Innis his Majesty's forces shortly after this, said Greene returned to Savannah River near the place of his raising, from this, say 1780 I was intimately acquainted with said Greene & his Brothers Benjamin & John Greene who was in constant service until peace was made & Savannah town evacuated by the British at which time they took up their residence in Effingham County State of Georgia. I have been well acquainted with them ever since & know they were active & brave Soldiers & am well opined they, or either of them never bore arms against this Country & that they were each of them wounded in defense of their Country & have been considered Invalids ever since, Benjamin & John aforesaid drew pensions till their death I am well opined but McKeen aforesaid never has applied till now.

Sworn to before me this 24th of October 1832.

S/ W. M. Rawls[2]



S/ John Little, JP

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State of Georgia, Thomas County

I have been intimately acquainted with McKeen Greene of Washington County and state aforesaid since the year 1778 or 79, and am well assured said Greene did serve his Country in the Revolutionary War, from the dates aforesaid until the British evacuated Savannah and said McKeen Greene, was wounded and crippled during and in the war. And I also know, that, said Greene was in the battle at Wiggan's Hill [Wiggins Hill], and believe, he was in the action at Enoree River at Musgrove's Mill likewise at the French Siege of Savannah engaged in the defense of his Country.

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[1] BLWt11275-160-55
[2] **William Rawls S47905**

Sworn to and subscribed or me this eighth day of November 1832.
S/ Isaac P. Brooks, JP

S/ Eleanor Nicks, X his mark

[Note: The images of the following application as posted on Fold3.com are illegible. They are only slightly more legible as posted on Ancestry.com. Use the following transcript with more than normal caution.]

[p 5]
State of Georgia Washington County

On this 14th day of January 1833 personally appeared before the justices of the Ordinary Court of Washington County now sitting, McKeen Greene of the County & State aforesaid about the age of 71 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 the 7th of June 1832.

[Several illegible words too faint to discern] Savannah and Augusta [indecipherably faint words] at my uncle Lovelass Savages a mile above Augusta, his family and myself with [indecipherably faint words] went in search of my 2 Brothers who had previous enlisted in the US service under Captain John Green, their time of service had ended, I found my Brothers encamped near Wiggins hill below Augusta with the drafted militia of South Carolina. I with my Brothers remained with them for a few weeks. I knew but little of an Army and do not recollect who commanded, [there follows 7 lines which are largely indecipherably faint with only occasional words being legible]…with a British force of about 40 or 50 man we killed and took the whole party except 4 [indecipherably faint word] who made their escape [the balance of the first page of this document as posted is largely indecipherable except for the occasional legible word]

[2nd page]…a Capt. Booker, a Captain [indecipherable name], the names of the others I do not now recollect, all of were safely [indecipherable word] our barracks 15 miles below Augusta, after the fall of Charleston, myself & Captain Inman and a few others, fled to North Carolina, we marched through Charlotte in Mecklenburg County through Salisbury to Rowan County and stopped about 15 miles above Salisbury at a Mr. Samuel Merrill's and rested a few days then joined General Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Army at the [paper damaged and word rendered illegible] old fields, where we remained some time when we heard of Colonel Elijah Clarke a refugee from Georgia with a Colonel Williams [James Williams] & others of South Carolina not far from Kings Mountain we left Sumter and Joined Colonel Clarke, with whom I remained until after the Battle at Musgrove's Mills[3] on Enoree River, at this battle Colonels Clarke, Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Posey, Williams, Brandon [Thomas Brandon] and others commanded the American forces and the British forces were commanded by Colonel Ines [Alexander Innis], after this Battle my Brother, John Greene, myself and 2 or 3 others returned to out places below Augusta [several indecipherably faint words], we fell in with Captain McCoy [James McCoy], who commanded a small party and doing what could to save himself and annoying the Enemy as much as he could, we attached ourselves to his command, soon after we were informed that a party of British under the command of Lieutenant Kamp [?] had left Augusta to meet and protect for boats with Military Stores from Savannah to Augusta, from the Out lirs [?] as we were called by them, Capt McCoy went in search of the enemy, fell in with them and [paper damaged and word or words rendered illegible] Lieutenant Kamp's party, after a sharp contest as well as I can recollect the enemy left 18 dead upon the [indecipherable word], we pursued and overtook the boats, Lieutenant [indecipherable name] commanded the boats made a manly resistance he was shot in the mouth his whole party taken and the boats burnt, Captain McCoy then took an excursion with his Company through the low part of South Carolina to the vicinity of Cooper River, and that excursion

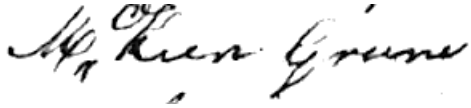
[3] http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html

near Saltcatcher Bridge [Saltketcher Bridge] we had a skirmish and [indecipherable word] Captain Bartin [?] who commanded a large [indecipherable word] of horsemen, we then returned and at Wiggins Hill, attacked Colonel Brown [Thomas "Burnt Foot" Brown], commander of the British forces consisting of the British, Indians & Tories, we attacked them before day and drove them from there, and had possession of the field, we then returned for our forces which had been left about three quarters of a mile distant, before we got our horses and returned the enemy had rallied, and at sunrise we attacked them again, and after an obstinate battle for 1 ½ hours, we had to return, at this battle a Captain Shafford who joined us on our route near Cooper River, was [indecipherable word or words]. After the battle went with Captain McCoy & man to join the Main Army, my Brother John Greene was taken with the smallpox which prevented him and myself from continuing with our Company, we took scant [?] quarters at the house of Mrs. Malpers, in a remote place, where I remained to attend to my sick Brother, and some others who had been wounded, whilst there, my Brother and the wounded [indecipherable word] in the adjacent Swamp, I ventured [?] to stay at the house, I was surrounded by the Enemy and making my escape was shot through the right foot, which disabled me. I then lay out [several indecipherable words] and care of Mrs. Moore until she [several indecipherable words] was dangerous, she applied to the British command and obtained a protection for me, I remained a cripple for 22 months, after Augusta was retaken by the Americans I was moved to Augusta and my wound was attended by Doctor Brownson [Nathan Brownson] (afterwards Governor of Georgia) and Doctor Wells, it has been so long, and my memory has become so treacherous that I cannot make detail of the facts as they occurred, but the [indecipherable word] parts, I will recollect, & I did [indecipherable word] under Captain Pall Bevell [Paul Bevill] at Savannah at what was called the French siege & also served a tour under Colonel McCoy whilst General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & Colonel White was besieging Savannah. I have no documentary evidence of service having be [been] always a volunteer, and mostly on active service, I have no other living witness that I know of except to whose affidavits is here with attached, Pall Bevell was in life the last I heard of him, he then lived in Effingham County Georgia, I have understood that Mrs. Edward Howel [?]below Augusta is still in life if so she will know from hearsay of my course through the war and my age and infirmity prevents my attending and obtaining their testimony.

And the said McKeen Greene doth duly 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 in open Court

S/ McKeen Greene



By the Court

1st Inty Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the year 1761 in the State of South Carolina on Beach Island

2. Have you any record of your age if so where is it?

I have no record of my age only what I made myself from the information of my parents.

3. Where were you living when called into service?

I lived near Augusta in the State of Georgia

4. Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

State of Georgia first in Effingham, then Seneca, Bullock, Columbia, Burke, Tatnall, Camden, twigs and now in Washington.

5. How were you called into service? I volunteered

6. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; and such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. I have stated in my declaration all I recollect on that subject.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?
I received no discharge but the end of the war.
8. State the names of persons in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character as to veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier of the revolution. Frederick Cullens, Richard A. Blount, John Acham, Joel Stokes.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ McKeen Greene

[John Hardin and Silas Floyd gave the standard supporting affidavit

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State of Georgia, Washington County

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court in the Superior Court for the County of aforesaid before his Honor Judge Holt McKeen Green [sic] a resident of the County of Washington and State of Georgia aged Seventy one 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the Army of the United States under Joshua Inman Captain of the light dragoons at Cracker's Neck in the State of South Carolina in the year 1779, where we stayed about three or four months guarding and scouring that section: ~~when we were marched to Charlotte Town in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina where we joined Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] from thence we marched through Salisbury and stopped about 15 miles from the town and Rowan County, where we staid three or four months; we then marched to Catawba's old fields where we joined Colonel Sumter again where we staid about six months~~ when we were marched to Butler's plantation in Liberty County Georgia under Colonel Twiggs [John Twiggs] where we had an engagement with the Tories and killed and took about 46 of them; we then marched back to Cracker's Neck and staid about six weeks and then marched back to Liberty County under Colonels Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and Twiggs where we dispersed some Negroes of Governor Wright of the Tories and the British hearing our guns pursued us and we retreated to Cracker's Neck again where we remained guarding and scouring the Country until the fall of Charleston in 1780 [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. We then marched to Sharlotte [sic, Charlotte] Town in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina where we joined Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], from thence we marched within 15 miles of Solsberry [sic, Salisbury], where we staid three or four weeks; we then marched to Catawber's [sic, Catawba's] old fields where we joined Colonel Sumter again and staid about six weeks; we then left Colonel Sumter and marched near Kings Mountain in North Carolina where we joined Colonel Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] and stayed there a month; and then marched to Sappril's [? Supprie's?][4] a fort on Enoree River where we had a hot engagement with the British and Tories under Col. Innis where we killed[5] him and defeated his forces, which consisted of 450 man. We then received an express that General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and Colonel Sumter near Camden by Talton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780] and that we must fly for our lives; we then fled to the upper part of North Carolina and joined Colonel McDole or Dowel [sic, Charles McDowell] near Broad River and stayed there five or six days; and we then marched to Cracker's Neck again and from thence to King Creek in South Carolina and joined Captain McCoy's [sic, Captain James McKay's] light

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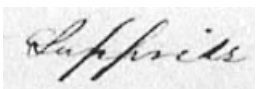
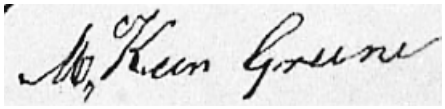
4 

5 Alexander Innis was not killed in the engagement. He was severely wounded.

dragoons, we there defeated Lieutenants Kemp and Tobias with about 40 man who were an escort of 8 [?] boats with military stores, which we took and destroyed. We then marched down about 40 or 50 miles into South Carolina and got a new supply of horses, and then marched against Col. Brown at Wiggin's Hill [Wiggan's Plantation] about 60 miles below Augusta on the Savannah River and killed about 40 of his men, and a few days afterwards I was shot in the ankle by a detachment of Brown's Army about 10 miles from the Hill and I had to remain in the settlement about two months, then I moved about 30 miles on Edisto River where I remained about four months, and then I was carried to Augusta and put under a surgeon and remained an invalid until a few weeks before General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] siege of Savannah. I then went under Captain McCoy [sic, McKay?] and joined General Wayne near Savannah where we fell in with about 40 Indians and took them and delivered them to General Wayne, and we then stayed with General Wayne until peace was concluded, and we all then dispersed for our several homes, without receiving any written discharge. I was at the time I volunteered a resident of the State of Georgia and have resided in the said State ever since the revolution and in the County of Washington for the last 16 or 17 years and I further state that I was born in South Carolina in 1761 and that I have no record of my age. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in and 80 State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ McKeen Greene



[John Webb, a clergyman, and Silas Floyd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia, Washington County

On this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court in the Superior Court of the County aforesaid before his Honor Judge Holt McKeen Greene a Resident of the County aforesaid and State of Georgia aged 72 years who being first duly sworn according 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 7th 1832. Under the command of Captain Cone he entered the service of the United States on the 15th of January 1779 as near as he can recollect. This Captain Cone was Stationed on Savannah River about 50 or 60 miles below Augusta ~~Georgia~~ South Carolina subject to the command of Colonel Thompson of ~~Georgia Militia~~ South Carolina Militia. Remained under said Cone taking frequent scouts through the Country ~~both South Carolina and~~ in Georgia till the first of September of the same year. Then joined a Light Horse volunteer company commanded by Captain Paul Bevill and set off for the French Siege of Savannah. General John McIntosh had command of the Georgia Militia and General Lincoln principal commander of the American forces at said Siege. Remained under said Bevill (after having served in the French Siege above mentioned) to the first of February 1780 as near as I can recollect and then joined a company of Light Dragoons Commanded by Captain Joshua Inman, Col. Twiggs our principal commander. Served under them in the Low Country of Georgia and South Carolina till the 15th of June 1781 as a volunteer in which time we had three warm engagements in Liberty County Georgia with British and besides many small skirmishes in different parts of the Low Country of Georgia. We then fled to North Carolina a company of Georgia Refugees and joined Colonel Sumter, say the 20th of June 1781, remained as near as I can recollect under him till the first of September of the year last mentioned and then joined Colonel Clarke (who was also a Georgia refugees) near Kings Mountain in North Carolina. We marched from thence under command of Colonel Clarke to a fort on the Enoree River where we had a hot engagement with the British and Tories. I left Col. Clarke & joined Captain McCoy [sic, McKay] (afterwards Colonel) on

the first of October 1781 under whose command I continued till the close of the war (September 30, 1783) in actual service and during all the periods of service rendered as above stated from my first entering the service I was not engaged in any business or employment of a lucrative nature but was actively striving in the service of my Country till peace was obtained. While under Captain McKay I was in a hot engagement at Wiggin's Hill in South Carolina besides many small skirmishes in one of which I was wounded in the ankle & have been an invalid ever since free from all Road or Military Duty I was for two months after I was wounded unable to do anything more myself or Country I had so far recovered as to get to Wayne's Siege of Savannah From there I left for home, as soon as his Majesty's Troops were called off home, without receiving any written discharge. I was born in the year 1761 & have no record of my age. I was at the time I volunteered a Resident of State of Georgia and have resided in said State ever since the Revolution and in the County of Washington for the last 17 or 18 years. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I furthermore declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to in open Court before me this 24 September 1834.

S/ McKeen Greene

S/ Wm . W. Holt, Presiding Judge

[In the table that is part of this application, the applicant refers to John Conyers[6] and Richard Herrington as 'proof in support of Declaration.']

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Georgia, Washington County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Superior Court in and for the County of Washington aforesaid McKeen Green who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. That from the time he entered the service as a volunteer on the 15th of March 1779 he served as is stated in the first part of his petition until the 14th May 1780 under Captain Joshua Inman in the Regiment of Colonel Twiggs and from May 1780 until the 10th of November of that year under Colonel James McCoy [sic, James McKay] who joined the Regiment of Colonel White of the Continental line though I was a volunteer in the militia and remained a while under him, and remained under the orders of Colonel White until the close of the war, after a service of four years as a private and volunteer, and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to before me, this 24th of March 1834.

S/ McKeen Greene

S/ Samuel Robison, J S C

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State of Georgia, Washington County

I McKeen Greene now of said County was born October 11th, 1761, was a Citizen of Columbia County State aforesaid, when his British Majesty's forces took Savannah then the Metropolis of Georgia aforesaid I being an Orphan boy took refuge in South Carolina. I sought my Brothers shortly after & found them in arms down Savannah River some 60 miles below Augusta in the station (for there were Stations on or near the said River from Augusta to Purysburg it then being the line between Us & the British). I bought me a Gun & fell into the ranks with my two Brothers John & Benjamin Green (for so we then spelt our name ~~then~~) as you may find in your Pension list, for Ben lost his right arm, John was maimed in both, & both drew Pensions till their death & so might I probably if I had then applied for then I had abundant evidence; but my wound being not as bad as the theirs & I having

6 **John Conyers S31617**

been a Tailor, I thought, the States being so enormously in debt as I knew (being a Member of Our General Assembly & of the Governor's Counsel in 1787 & 1786) thought that I could get my living by my trade, for I had little or no property except two Bounty of Land 267 ½ Acres each, one for flying before the Enemy & the other fighting my way back. This is found on State Records, I can transmit it if necessary) the Stations were kept out by the South Carolina Militia, relieved every Month by draft. We Georgia Refugees were many, Scattered up & down the River & such as chose fell into the Stations. Those with families Settled as near their farm homes as convenient. As observed above my brothers & self fell and at the Station nearest where the body of our acquaintance lay say King Creek, After some months spent there. Then Joshua Inman also a Refugee raised By Authority of the Governor of the State of Georgia a volunteer Company of Horse Stationed [at] Crackers Nick 15 miles below Augusta to annoy the Tories. My Brothers & self joined him & continued with him till the fall of Charleston South Carolina taking frequent excursions through Georgia having a good many skirmishes with the Tories, Indians & British, Negroes also. Immediately of the capture of Charleston Captain Inman & myself & perhaps 30 others fled for North Carolina Joined & 4 or 5 weeks rest Colonel Sumter Stayed with him two or three months, heard of Colonel E. Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] a Georgia refugee & went to him & continued with him till after Gates & Sumter's defeat[s] & till a week or two before Col. Ferguson's [Patrick Ferguson's] defeat at Kings Mountain North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] then returned with others to King Creek Savannah River & fought under Col. McKay, [James McKay] other Officers much after the matter of General Marion till I got wounded, shot through the foot & ankle with (perhaps) an Ounce Ball, the last of December 1780 or January 1781. My wound was by many Physicians thought to be incurable but at length at my own expense & through the Charity of others get healed up once in this interim. I took a horse, a Saddle one cruch & a Gun to repel a sudden invasion, I then Joined Col. McKay again & went a Volunteer to the Wayne siege of Savannah that was my last material expedition against the British but the Tories & Indians combined to plunder & destroy the frontiers for several years after the British evacuated Savannah. I then raised a Company of Light Horse by permission of Colonel Caleb Howell to reconnoiter the frontiers of Georgia. As respects the Actions 1st at Butler's, Liberty County, Georgia, 2nd at Governor James Wright's Do Do, 3rd at Musgrove's Mill Enoree South Carolina, 4th S.C. Near King Creek, 5th with several Boats with Military Stores for Col. Brown Augusta, 6th with Col. Brown, British, Tories & Indians. My skirmishes beyond all possible recollection. My wound through [?] my foot, leg & thigh ever Since; cleared me from all Road duty & Military ever since & broke out again lately & is now [illegible word] inflamed with fever but is now some better. My circumstance is [illegible word or words], but I ask only for my right as I fought & served with very little intermission for 1778 till 1782 or 1783 & till the British evacuated Savannah & the Tories & Indians left our frontiers.

Statement Shewing the service of McKeen Green

[There is a table showing the services of Greene as discussed above. The only new information in the table is the listing of John Webb, Silas Floyd, W. M. Rawls and Elanor Nicks under the column labeled "Proof by which the declaration is supported"]

Georgia, Washington County

Personally appeared before me McKeen Green who being duly sworn saith that the foregoing addition made to his petition is true according to the best of his recollection.

Sworn to before me this 25th day of March 1834 S/ McKeen Greene

S/ Silas Floyd, J. J. C. H. C.

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South Carolina Barnwell District: Personally came before me Jennings O'Bannon Notary Public for the District and State aforesaid Colonel Tarlton Brown[7] of the said District, and after being sworn as the

[7] **Tarlton Brown S21665**

law directs, saith that he is personally acquainted with Mack Green [sic], of the State of Georgia, and was, during the whole of the Revolutionary War. That the said Mack Green was in the Army from the beginning to the end of the war – a true Whig and fought for the liberties of his Country – This deponent further states that he very well Recollects that said Mack Green served for some time under Colonel McCoy; but does not from the lapse of time recollect distinctly the names of any other of the officers under whom he served, as was serving, at the different times he met with him during the war –

Given under the seal of my Office this 2nd day of March 1835.

S/ Jennings old Bannon, Notary Public

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State of Georgia Scriven [Screven] County: Personally appeared before me William Green a Justice of the peace for said County, Richard Herrington a Revolutionary Soldier & made Oath that he was well Acquainted with McKeen Greene before during & since the Revolutionary war & that he has every reason to believe that he was a Soldier & actively engaged in his Country's Service from 1778 to the end or Conclusion of the Revolutionary War as they heard from each other at different times during the War.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 5 day of December 1834

S/ William Greene, JP

S/ Richard Herrington, X his mark

[p 74: Copy of a certificate which reads as follows:

"This is to certify that Mackeen Green has ever behaved himself as a true and faithful Soldier, and is entitled to all the privileges of a Refugee Certified by me this 15th day of January 1784"

(Signed) Caleb Howell, Colonel

Georgia (250 acres of land)

These are to certify that McKeen Greene, as a refugee, is entitled to 250 acres of land as a Bounty, agreeably to an Act and Resolve of the General Assembly passed in Augustine 19th of August 1781, as per Certificate Colonel James McKay.

Given under my hand at Savannah the 29th day of January in the year of our Lord 1784

S/ J. Houston

[p 58: Letter from the veteran to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions]

Washington C. Ga., Hebron June 30th 1835

Sir/

Your difinty [sic ?] is Col. Howell's Certificate as a Refugee – remember I was an Orphan boy living in Columbia County Georgia when Savannah fell, my common place of abode had been in Effingham County Georgia. There I & my Parents lived many years. Colonel Howell commanded that company when Savannah fell he & my connection fled immediately across Savannah to South Carolina. The Colonel being passed the meridian of life, & having a large family, moved a little off the frontiers & settled himself being then without military authority. Myself & all single men flew to Arms & not being Citizens of South Carolina we (Refugees) united together, & fought where most fighting was to be done, principally under Inman, Twiggs, Pickens, Clarke & McKay. When our Independence was obtained, my Mother (being a Widow) returned to her former residence, & her sons lived with her in Effm Co. – Colonel Howell returned himself with his usual authority & the law said each Refugee must obtain a certificate from their Colonel to entitle him to a bounty. I got one from Colonel Howell & another from James McKay Colonel Burke Co., adjoining Effm Co.

As respects the term of time, I was in constant service from January or February 1779 until the evacuation of Savannah, this I can prove to the satisfaction of any Court & jury, but if your regulations

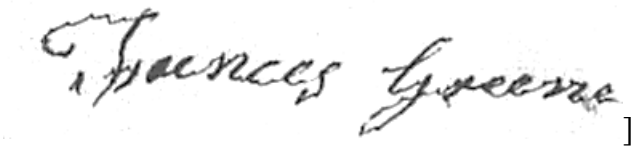
will not admit of this evidence I must apply to Congress. Please let me know.
I am Sir with all due deference Your Humble Servant

S/McKeen Greene

N. B. Permit me to refer you to Mr. Forsythe, he is well acquainted with me & my brothers Colonel John Greene of Augusta & Benjamin Green of Scriven. This will clear all suspicion of fraud.

I Am Sir Yrs
S/ McK. Greene

[p 11: On February 1, 1854 in Russell County Alabama, Frances Greene a resident of said County, aged 80, made application for a pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of McKeen Greene, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 1, 1803; that her husband died April 8, 1838 and that she has remained his widow.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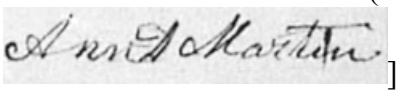
[p 31: On January 10, 1854 in Richmond County Georgia, Ann D. Martin, gave testimony that she is the sister of Frances Greene (Frances Dubose) who married McKeen Greene.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[p 15: On April 7, 1855 in Russell County Alabama, the widow, 81, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner.]

[p 19: On November 27, 1858 in Russell County Alabama, James R Greene gave testimony that he is the son of Frances Greene; that his mother had lived in Russell County Alabama about 15 years prior to her death; that prior thereto she had lived in Washington County Georgia; that his mother died August 25, 1858.

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[Facts in file: The veteran married in Tattnall County Georgia, January 1, 1803 to Frances Dubose; the veteran and his wife had a large family of children but the only one named in the file is James R. Green; James R. Greene was born October 4, 1809 and in 1835 was living in Hebron, Washington County Georgia; the veteran had 2 brothers, Benjamin and John Greene who served in the revolutionary war; Benjamin lost his right arm and John was wounded in both arms while in the service; in 1854, Ann D. Martin, a sister of the widow, resided in Augustine Georgia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]