

Pension Application for James Weeks

(Or Green) Colored

S.33269

State of New Jersey

Sussex County SS

On this thirtieth day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty five personally appeared in open Court, in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid, the said Court being a court of record, having a seal, keeping a record of its proceedings, proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and having the power to fine and imprison;--James Weeks, otherwise called James green a colored man, resident in said county, of the age of sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, upon his oath aforesaid, doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and of the 1st of May 1820.

That he the said James Weeks, enlisted for the term of nine months in the month of April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight in the State of New York in a company commanded by Captain Williams in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Livingston whose Christian name was according to the best of this declarants recollection Robert B.R. in the line of the State of New York, of the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of said term, when he was discharged at Fort Stanwix in the State of New York.

The he enlisted again for the term of nine months in the month of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two in the State of New York in a company commanded by Captain John Davis, in a regiment commanded by Col. Philip Cortland, on the Continental establishment, in which corps he continued to serve about eight months, when he reenlisted for the term of three years in a company commanded by Captain Israel Smith, in the regiment last mentioned, in which corps he continued to serve until the month of July then next following, when he was discharged from the service at Snakehill near New [?] in the State of New York;--that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state except the State of New York:--

That he first made application in the month of August in the year eighteen hundred and eighteen to the Honourable Walter D. Shee one of the Judges of the above court, who informed him that he was unable to assist him in procuring the provision of the first mentioned at for the want of a copy of the same; that he was afterwards advised to apply for the same purpose to the Honourable John Gustin one of the Judges of the said Court, who declined rendering any assistance for the want of money by this declarant to pay for the services which this declarant was unable to raise and was discouraged from making further application for assistance.

That at that time this declarant was able to procure his own living by daily laborer, but has been since deprived of his sight, he made another application in the year eighteen hundred and twenty four, thro the agency of some persons who

undertook to assist this declarant, but his papers forwarded for this purpose to the seat of government, were returned to him as insufficient, with instructions from the war department, as to the proper forms and requirements; that the reason of his not having early made effectual application for a pension, is the want of means and the proper information.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent, thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eight and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income, necessary clothing [?] excepted. (Signed with his mark) James Green

Sworn to and declared on in open court this 28th day A.D. 1825. John Gustin

Letter in folder dated April 28, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.33269, that James Weeks, alias James Green, a colored man, enlisted in the State of New York, in April 1778, and served nine months as a private in captain Williams' Company, Colonel Robert B. R. Livingston's New York Regiment.

He enlisted in April, 1782, served about eight months in Captain John Davis' Company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's New York Regiment, after which he re-enlisted, served in captain Israel Smith's Company in same regiment and was discharged in July "then next following".

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 30, 1825, at which time he was aged sixty-eight years and resided in Sussex County, New Jersey. In 1828, he was living in New York City, and in 1831, had returned to Sussex County, New Jersey.

In 1828, he referred to his wife and children as then residing in New York City, but did not give their names.

The above is the history of the only soldier named James Weeks, who received pension while residing in the State of New Jersey, found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.