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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

THE..... SOCIETY
OF THE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, Robert Alva Greene being of the age of 28 years

hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from

General Joseph Wickham

who was born in Pennsylvania on the day of 1745

and died in Memphis, Tenn. on the 14th day of April 1825

and who assisted in establishing American Independence;

I was born in Bea Ridge County of Benton
State of Arkansas on the 26th day of April 1905

(1) I am the son of Mr. Lee Glen Greene born 2/7 1880, died, and

his wife Eva Wickham born 12/22 1878, died, married 12/21 1902

(2) grandson of Joseph Samuel Wickham born 6/13 1839, died, 1909, and

his wife Sarah Caladonia Pickens born 12/28 1848, died, married 1868

(3) great-grandson of Joseph Wickham born 1797, died, and

his wife Mary Hare born died married 1825

(4) great-great-grandson of Robert Wickham born 1773, died, 1848, and

his wife Esther Moore born died married 1796

(5) great-great-grandson of Joseph Wickham born 1745, died, 1825, and

his wife Margaret M. Koun born died married

(6) great-great-great-grandson of born died and

his wife born died married

(7) great-great-great-great-grandson of born died and

his wife born died married

and he, the said Joseph Wickham (No. 5) is the ancestor who assisted in

establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Captain, Major,

Colonel and General of the North Carolina

militia

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of

the Society: Joseph Wickham (No. 5) is the ancestor who assisted in

establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Captain, Major,

Colonel and General of the North Carolina

militia

Signature of applicant, (Name in full) Robert Alva Greene

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NOTE: By Constitutional Amendment adopted May 17, 1927, Article III, Section 1, quoted below, was changed so that any man of 18 years of age is eligible to membership. Junior memberships have been abolished entirely.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

"Section 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 3, 1907, and as amended.

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 3, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership fee, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Joseph Wickham moved from Pennsylvania to North Carolina before the war of the Revolution. In 1780 he served with Gen. Rutherford of North Carolina in his movement against the English, and later in the same year he was in the service of Col. McDowell of South Carolina. During this time he was a Captain in the Colonial Army and a member of the "Committee of Safety." He rendered "gallant and heroic service" at King's Mountain as Major, North Carolina Militia ("Lincoln County men"). In 1781, he opposed Cornwallis' invasion of North Carolina, and for "heroic and efficient conduct," he was promoted to Colonel and retained at the end of the war as General of Militia.

The records are not clear as to whether he acquired the rank of General before the end of the war, but they are clear that he served as a Major at King's Mountain, and that later he served as Colonel.

From 1788-95, he was a State Senator in North Carolina, and then represented that state in Congress, 1799-1801. In 1803, he moved to Tennessee (near Memphis). He was made Commander of the State Militia with the rank of General. He was a member of the first Legislature of the State of Tennessee, and was President of the Senate, 1807, and Speaker of the House, 1809. He died at his home near Memphis, April 14, 1825.

The Wickham family later moved to Benton County, Arkansas, where my grandfather was born in 1839.

U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970

Source Information

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