

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Green S31080

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State of Kentucky, County of Harlan: SS

On this 4th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace for Harlan County, Lewis Green a resident of the Cumberland River; in the County of Harlan, and the State of Kentucky age 82 years the 5th of May last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to benefit of the promissory made by the act of Congress, June 7th, 1832,

That I enlisted in the spring of 1776, as well as I remember, in the county of Russell and state of Virginia on the Clinch River, about nine miles from the county seat, for and during the Revolutionary War, under John Blackamore [John Blackmore] Capt., William Moore Lieut. Joseph Moore (brother of William) Ensign—Isaac Shelby Col. I was forted at Blackamore's Fort [sic, Blackmore's Fort] on the Clinch River afterwards I was forted at Duncum's [sic, Duncan's?] Fort also—10 miles higher up on the Clinch River—Our constant business was to guard the frontier from the Indians. I can give no distinct history of my service for it was one continual employment from these forts to scout the surrounding country and spy out the hiding places of the Indians, and keep them from annoying the Frontier Settlements. I served seven years, and was discharged when the war was over, I think in 1783. I rec'd my discharge from __ Shelby. I believe his name was Evan Shelby—I do not know what has become of this discharge—I never was in a general Battle—but many be the times, when in the discharge of my duties as a spy in reconnoitering the surrounding country that my fellow Soldiers when least expecting it fell by my side – I do not know any living witness by whom I can prove my service – if Congress had passed their law a few years earlier I could have found a witnesses a plenty but now if any with whom I served are living it is unknown to me. After my enlistment I served under different Captains. I remember no other Colonel than Shelby.

Ques[tion] 1st I was born in __

Quest 2nd I have no record of my age but __

3rd I was living in Russell County Virginia when I enlisted

4th I enlisted

5th I served with no regular officers or Continental Regiments.

6th I received a written discharge for my service signed by __ Shelby which is lost.

7th I am known to Rev. James Hall, Jacob Starker [?], John Jones, Nelson Salyers, Solomon Layton, Larkin Howard, William Howard, and many others who would testify to my character and veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

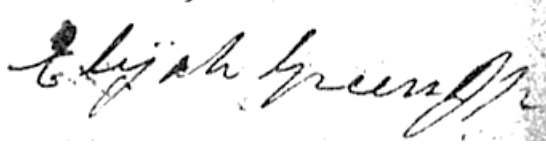
I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll or agency of any state. I further declare that from old age and bodily infirmity I am not able to travel to the court house a distance of 17 miles from where I live.

Sworn to and submitted the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Lewis Green¹

[James Hall, a clergyman, and William D. Green gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
And I do hereby declare my opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states, and that from Bodily infirmity he is unable to attend court being a distance of 17 miles – And I further certify that James Hall who has signed the foregoing certificate is a clergyman of my own knowledge and that he together with William D Green who has also signed the preceding certificate are all residents of Harlan County and are credible persons and their statements are entitled to credit. Given under my hand this day and date above written.

S/ Elijah Green, JP²

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elijah Green". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the Virginia militia.]

¹ I don't believe this is the signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the body of the document.

² His relationship, if any, to the veteran, is not stated.