

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Green ¹ W9460 Bidly Green f47SC
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State of South Carolina, Sumter District: SS

On this 15th day of October 1855 personally appeared before me William Lewis Ordinary in and for said Sumter district and State aforesaid Bidly Green aged about 57 years a resident of said district and stated, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 3rd day of February 1853. That she is the Widow of William commonly called Billy and General Green, a Revolutionary Soldier; that she was married to the said William Green by one the Reverend James Parsons, a Methodist preacher on the eighth day of March 1828; that her name before marriage was Bidly Lockley; that her said husband William Green departed this life in Sumter district on the 2nd day of February 1838 aged about 77 years leaving this Declarant his Widow and three children Viz. Elizabeth Green now Elizabeth Lawson born 2nd February 1830 -- John Green born 9 February 1832 and Elias James Joseph Green born 22 January 1836 who was about two years old when his father died as aforesaid and that her last mentioned son died the 22nd September 1849; that she has no legible record of her said marriage, -- births of her children and death of her said husband, the record in his Bible being written with bad ink & so blotted and obliterated with ink and otherwise so defaced and badly written, that it cannot be read or depended upon, but she knows the date of her marriage and husband's death by the time of her children's births viz. her first child Elizabeth Green now Elizabeth Lawson born about two years after her said marriage and her youngest son Elias James Joseph Green being about two years old and his said father died on the second day of February 1838: She further declares that she believes he was only a private Soldier in the Revolutionary war and that he was commonly called General Green as nicknames. This deponent further declares that she does not know nor believes, that her said husband William Green ever made an application for or received a pension but understood and believes, and in fact knows that her said husband William Green did accompany one Taylor from Darlington South Carolina with the intention of proving Taylor's Service in the Revolutionary war; that she thinks Taylor's Christian name was John but is not certain but that Taylor and her said husband were fellow Soldiers in said war; and that the said Taylor came specially to see her said husband for the purpose of proving Taylor's Service as aforesaid: She moreover declares that she has made no application for pension except the present and that she has not again married but continues the Widow of the

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said William or Billy Green and that she also makes this declaration for the purpose of recovering the pension due to her said husband under the act 7 June 1832 until he died on the 2nd day of February 1838, as aforesaid; That her said husband was a careless, ignorant and drinking man and in consequence she believes he never made an application for a pension. Sworn to and Subscribed before me the day and year first within written/
S/ William Lewis

S/ Bidly Green, X her mark

[p 5: On October 15, 1855 in Sumter District South Carolina, Bidly Greene, about 56, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 9: On January 29, 1856 in Sumter District South Carolina, Elizabeth Thigpen, aged about 73 years, gave testimony that she was present at and saw the marriage of William Green and Bidly Lockly sometime about the year 1828 as the deponent's son, James J. Thigpen was about 4 years old at the time of their marriage. The affiant signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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South Carolina, Sumter District

On the 26th day of April 1856 before the subscribing magistrate in and for the district and State aforesaid personally appeared William Vaughn² aged 90 years and upwards a United States pensioner under Certificate No. 23437 -- who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath swears: that William Green deceased of said district who was commonly called Billy Green and subsequent to the revolution frequently went by the name of General Green, that this deponent was intimately acquainted with said Green, and during the revolution called Statesburg his home where he resided among the Reese's -- a few miles from deponent's father -- that the said Green was in the Army when this deponent joined it in October 1780 but how long previous he does not recollect and the said Green served during the continuance of the War of the revolution until some time in June 1782 when this deponent, Green and others of his comrades did not attend on their usual regular duty, peace being proclaimed but held themselves in readiness for service and occasionally went out in scouting parties for some time after in search of Tories, thieves and robbers, two of whom were killed and ten taken prisoners and delivered up to Colonel Postell [probably James Postell]: the deponent believes he first mustered under Captain Joshua Firman [sic, Josiah Furman] for a few days only where he found said Green, but Firman being an overbearing tyrannical man -- the deponent, Green and of others went under the command of Captain John Malone afterwards Captain Joseph Hill and lastly Captain George McCauley, Colonel Peter Horry first commanded the Regiment and afterwards Colonel Richard Richardson. That said deponent and comrades sometimes assembled as infantry Soldiers but most generally were on horseback or Cavalry service; and by far the greater portion of the time and service was that of Cavalry as but few men in this Country were and now are without horses. This deponent further swears that Green died some time ago about 8 miles from his residence in said district, and that he has no interest directly or indirectly in the pension to which the widow of said Green may be entitled or in the prosecution of the same.

S William Vaughan, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year first within written and I certify that I have

² [William Vaughan W11691](#)

no interest in this claim or its prosecution: Say on the 26th of April 1856
S/ Jno. R. Logan, Magistrate

[p 38: On April 30, 1856 in Sumter District South Carolina, Elizabeth Lawson, 26 and upwards, gave testimony that she is the daughter of William and Bidy Green; that she was born in Sumter District February 2, 1830 as she was told by her parents; that her father was a tolerably tall and old man; that he died the day after her parents removed from near the Brick Church to Manchester or its immediate neighborhood; that William DeLoach was the man who drove the team and wagon which moved to her parents' household articles; that her younger brother James died near Columbia in 1849 at 13 years of age; that her Brother John Green is now a resident of Kershaw; that John is about 2 years younger than affiant. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$83.33 per annum commencing February 3, 1853, for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina Cavalry as a militia man.]