

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land claim of Thomas Snow BLWt10312-160-55

Rachel

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State of Virginia County of Halifax

On this 8th day of April 1855, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County & State Rachel Snow, a resident of said County & State, aged 89 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 3rd day of March 1855 granting Bounty Land to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war: That she is the widow of Thomas Snow who was a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War, and served therein for some 3 or 4 months: that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Snow was never pensioned, nor was the affiant, on account of his short term of service: that when the British were invading North Carolina under Cornwallis and just before the honorable battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] her husband was drafted in the company of Virginia militia commanded by Captain Benjamin Rice in the Regiment of Virginia Riflemen commanded by Colonel Charles Lynch about the last day of February 1781 – that his said Regiment and company marched to the relief of General Greene, and that having fought gallantly in said battle, he was soon afterwards discharged, as will appear by his original discharge: she further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Snow on the 10th day of October in the year 1781 in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia by one James Leftwich a Baptist Minister duly authorized by law to administer the rites of matrimony, and that her name previous to marriage was Rachel Bennett; and that she has no other proof of said marriage than that herewith presented; that her said husband died in the County of Halifax State of Virginia on the 20th day of September 1830; in proof of which she refers to proves herewith. She further declares that she is still a widow, and has never before applied for land under this or any other law.

S/ Rachel Snow, X her mark

This is to Certify that Thos. Snow Soldier in my Company has Faith fully served his Tour of six weeks duty in Colonel Chas. Lynches Regt. of Virga Volunteers.

Given under my hand this 24th of April 1781

S/ Benjamin Rice Capt.

