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Pension Application of Thomas Meriwether (Merewether) BLWt1920-400
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[The surname is usually spelled "Meriwether," but in the copy of his last will and testament the surname is spelled "Merewether."]

[The handwriting in the following is barely legible.]

I certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Meriwether, as a Major in the first Virginia regiment, commanded by Col. George Gibson, being then[?] a Captain in the same regiment myself: that he entered the service at the organization of the regiment and I bore no rank but he retired under the resolves of October 1780 at the same time and in the same manner as the Captains Charles [Charles Ewell] and Thomas Ewell [Thomas Winder Ewell] and Lieutenants Churchill Gibbs, Elliott [Elliott Rucker] and Angus Rucker, George Tipton and myself Jister[?] – Washington City 13th Sepr 1831.

[signed] John Nicholas [pension application S46397] Cap. & Lt. Col.
in Revol'y. War

NOTES:

The file includes the last will and testament of Thomas Merewether, dated 8 Sep 1802 and probated in Jefferson County GA on 4 April 1803, with the following provisions:

To brother James Merewether [James Meriwether, pension application R16407] "a copy of my mother's picture to be taken as soon as a good artist can be gotten to execute it, the expense to be paid out of my estate."

To niece Susanna Patterson "the three following negro girls, Viz. Sarah, Mary and Maria, all daughters of a negro woman slave named Rhody, with their future increase. But in case the said Susanna Patterson should die before she attains the age of twenty one years without issue, I give the said three negro girls named Sarah, Mary and Maria and their future increase to my Niece Jane Patterson and her heirs."

To niece Elizabeth Cason "a negro boy named Edmund (son of Phoeby) and a negro girl named Anna, daughter of Rhoda, and the future increase of the said negro girl Anna. But in case the said Elizabeth Cason should die before the age of twenty one years without issue, I give the said negro boy named Edmund, and the said negro girl named Anna with her future increase to my Niece Jane Patterson and her heirs.

To Julia Maria daughter of my friend John Berrien a negro boy named William, son of Rose."

To niece Jane Patterson "the residue of my estate both real and personal whether in Virginia, or Georgia."

Also in the file is the last will and testament of Jane Merewether Early, formerly Jane Merewether Patterson, dated 30 Nov 1825 and probated on 26 June 1829, in which she separated the inheritance from her uncle, Thomas Meredith, from the estate of her husband, Eleazer Early. She named as the sole heir her niece "Jane Louisa Early (commonly so called, but whose baptismal and proper name is Jane Louisa Sturges) at this time a single woman." A letter in the file states that "Jane Patterson and her Sister Susanna Patterson who removed to the State of Georgia the former with her Uncle Thomas Meriwether, Jane intermarried with a Mr. Eleazer Early of the State of Georgia... that they had adopted the daughter of the said Susanna as their own, that she had taken the name of Early, and that they had placed her at School in Philadelphia." A letter dated 14 Feb 1833 states that Jane Louisa Early became the wife of George T Hawkins of Florida.