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Bounty Land Application of Thomas Ousby BLWt2455-200

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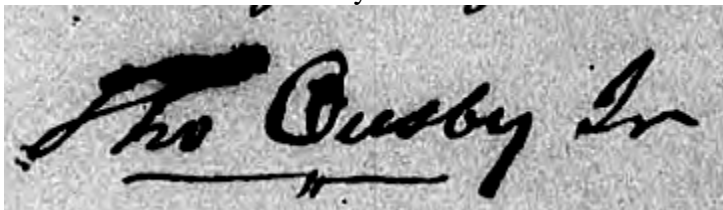
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State of North Carolina Halifax County: SS Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term 1846. On this 19th day of February 1846, personally appeared before the Court aforesaid (now in Session) Thomas Ousby Jr, a resident of said County and State, aged sixty-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he is the Son and only heir at law, of Thomas Ousby Sr who was a Lieutenant and Adjutant, in the South Carolina Continental Regiment of Artillery.

And that he now makes this declaration, in order to obtain from the Government of the United States, the bounty land due his Father, (the aforesaid Thomas Ousby Sr) for his services stated in the aforesaid War of the Revolution.

Sworn to, and subscribed in Open Court, on the day and year above mentioned.

Test: S/ William W Daniel, Clerk CC S/ Tho Ousby Jr

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Tho Ousby Jr" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper. The signature is underlined with a single horizontal line.

State of North Carolina Halifax County: SS

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term A.D. 1851

On this the 21st day of February A.D. 1851, personally appeared before said Court and made oath in due form of law, Thomas Ousby, that he is the only surviving child and heir at law of Thomas Ousby Sr who was a Lieutenant and Adjutant in the South Carolina Regiment of Artillery in the War of the Revolution; that he did have in his possession letters from his father the said Thomas Ousby Sr written to his Mother the Wife of the said Thomas Ousby Sr while in the service in the United States in said War was soon after he was discharged from service, that said letters have been destroyed by fire, which if in existence would fully identify that he is the son and heir at law of the said Thomas Ousby Sr who served as above stated. And said Court being personally acquainted with Thomas Ousby Jr, who is then present upon oath makes the above Declaration, and knowing him to be a Gentlemen of high Respectability, and undoubted veracity give it as their opinion that he is the son and Heir at law of the identical Thomas Austin

Sr who served in the aforesaid War of the Revolution as above stated.
Ordered therefore that our Clerk William W Daniel certify the same to the War Department.
S/ Rice B. Pierce, chairman

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"Book C Indent 587: issued the sixth of January 1785 to Mr. Thomas Ousby for four hundred and fifty-eight pounds, twelve shillings and eight pence Sterling for Pay and Subsistence do him as Lieutenant and Adjutant in the South Carolina Continental Regiment of Artillery. Also for his additional State pay per Certificate from the auditor General."

[fn p. 9: typed letter dated June 8, 1914 from the Department of the Interior and in answer to an inquiry from a member of the public, contains the statement as follows:

"He stated that he was the only surviving child and heir at law of Thomas and Sarah Ousby deceased, that his mother's maiden name was Sarah Litchfield and she married, first John Selby, and afterwards Thomas Ousby Sr. in York or James City, Virginia. No dates of marriage or deaths stated. No other family data on file."

There is no document retained in this file that provides the basis for the above paragraph. It is possible that said document was removed from the file and no note made as to its disposition.]