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Pension application of Henry Ward R11114

Charity

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State of Georgia Madison County: SS

On this 29th day of November 1844 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County and State the same being a Court of Record Mrs. Charity Ward a resident of said County and State above written aged eighty-four years past -- who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Henry Ward who was a private soldier and served in the War of the Revolution in the North Carolina Militia as herein stated, to wit, he volunteered on the 20th day of June 1780 in Surry County State of North Carolina and joined a considerable number of volunteers in Roan [sic, Rowan] County and became organized -- he was attached to Captain Reed's Company shortly afterwards Major Lewis a Continental officer took the Command of said troops then within a few miles of a large number of Tories. The Tories fled he was then marched with said troop in pursuit of them until coming near Cornwallis's Army -- when it was considered imprudent by the officers to pursue them further the troops returned and skirmished through the adjacent Counties until the 24 or 25 of September when his term of service expired and he returned home after being out about 3 months after, to wit, on the first day of October he joined Lieutenant John Blalock in Captain Gissam Wooldridge's Company of County Rangers for the purpose of pursuing the Tories and in what was called the delinquents he marched from Surry County under Lieutenant Blalock to Salem in North Carolina there joined some troops from Virginia and remained as Rangers for taking the Tories and protecting the Country when Cornwallis marched through NC the said Company was attached to General Pickens Army -- and pursued Cornwallis to near the Virginia line when said Company was detached to return for the protection of the Country against the Tories etc. which duty he was performing as County Ranger under Lieutenant Blalock and Captain Wooldridge until the treaty of Peace in 1783 leaving this deponent and their three little children at home that he followed no other civil pursuit or occupation other than serving his Country -- he was in the Battle at Shallow Ford on Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] and was near the grounds when the Battle was fought at Guilford C H [Guilford County Courthouse] but was not engaged in it, that deponent has no documentary evidence of the said Henry Ward services but states the above and foregoing from her knowledge of the facts and as she was at the time informed and has since heard her husband and others

Speak of. That she knows of no person now living who could testify to any of the foregoing facts other than James Sanders Esquire -- of Madison County Georgia. And deponent further declares that she was legally married to the said Henry Ward on the 22nd day of December 1775 in Surry County State of North Carolina from thence they removed to Georgia where her husband died leaving her as his widow and that she is still his widow all of which will more fully appear by reference to prove hereunto annexed.

S/ Charity Ward, X her mark

State of Georgia Madison County: January term 1845 Inferior Court

On this 13th day of January 1845 personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court held in and for said County James Sanders¹ Esquire a resident of said County and State aged eighty-two years past who being first duly sworn according to law saith that he formerly lived in Surry County State of North Carolina and was personally acquainted with Henry Ward and Charity Ward and that they were legally married on the __ day of __1775 and that he deponent witnessed the marriage ceremony. And deponent further states that himself and the said Henry volunteered in Surry County and marched from Roan [sic, Rowan] County where they joined a considerable number of volunteers and attached themselves to Captain Reed's Company of infantry on the 24th day of June 1780 and served as privates in the North Carolina Infantry and shortly after they joined Captain Reed's company Major Lewis took command of said Company and marched in pursuit of Tories until coming near Cornwallis Army when they returned and skirmished through the adjacent Counties until the 24th of September 1780 when they were discharged and returned home and some few days after deponent -- and the said Henry volunteered and joined Lieutenant John Blalock in Captain Wooldridge's Company of horse on the first day of October 1780 and served as privates in Cavalry in a Company called County Rangers raised for the express purpose of suppressing the Tories and guarding the frontiers of the Country the said Troops marched to Salem in NC there joined some troops from Virginia and continued skirmishing through the Country until Cornwallis marched through North Carolina when said Company joined General Pickens Army and pursued Cornwallis to near the Virginia line when Lieutenant Blalock's Company of County Rangers was detached to return for the protection of the Country against the Tories -- which duty he continued performing as County with Ranger until peace was made in 1783 under Captain Wooldridge and Lieutenant Blalock having no other civil pursuit -- or occupation other than serving his Country. That this deponent was sick when the Battles of Shallow Ford on Yadkin River and at Guilford Court house was fought.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and date first written

S/ James Sanders

[attested by a JP whose signature is illegible]

¹ FPA R9179