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Pension application of John Ross R1120 Lydia Brackett (Bracket) fn20NC
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State of Kentucky Hopkins County: Before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State personally appeared on this the 26th day of August 1843 Lydia Brackett of said County, and State, and personally also well known to me, as a credible character -- aged (say) 77 years who, being of lawful age, and first being sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, declare, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the late Act of Congress of "July 7th 1838"; and also of a subsequent law of the "23rd of August 1842" -- the first "granting half pay and pensions to certain widows etc. etc."; and the second saying "that there shall be no bar to a widow's pension who married a second time, provided the applicant be a widow, when she applies" -- she states that she was the widow of the late John Ross late of Muhlenberg County in this State, who was grounded in Pond River on the 2nd day of February in the year of our Lord 1819; that she was married to the said John Ross deceased on or about the 24th of May A.D. 1781. She states that her said first late husband John Ross was a private (a trumpeter say) in the North Carolina line, on Continental establishment, in the War of the Revolution; that as such, he received from the State of North Carolina 640 acres of land in Tennessee, all of which he gave to his 4 eldest sons, Wylie, John, Etheldred and Thomas Ross; she states that said John Ross was enlisted under Captain (say James) Jones at Raleigh in North Carolina; that she has often heard her late husband speak of his services, and other officers etc. -- but her recollection on the subject is now too imperfect to give a minute detail of the same; but that her proof of date of marriage both here, and in a form lately sent on for United States land -- will abundantly [indecipherable word] his continuance (being 5 years out) to the close of said War. She states that she was married by license from the clerk of the County Court's office at Oxford, Granville County, North Carolina, to said John Ross deceased, by a magistrate, whose name she cannot now recall - - it may have been Vesay at Harrisburg, now Oxford, at the Squires own house -- She states, that Captain Peoples gave her away in [one or more indecipherable words] sister Sarah Bass or Bens [?] and brother Drury, and Frank Ross, his brother, being present -- she states that her said husband applied through Samuel Woodson, clerk aforesaid of this County, but whether Ross' certificate [several indecipherable words] said Ross died during the first half year -- to which she is entitled -- i.e. a part of it he lived. She states, that she was afterwards married to her 2nd husband, Burrill Brackett by license from Samuel Woodson's office, the County clerk of this, Hopkins County, Kentucky on __ at her own house in said Hopkins, Kentucky my a Baptist Minister, Elder (say) John Bolling or Borland. That said late husband, Burrill Brackett died [indecipherable word or words] Mr. Whitesides in the State of Illinois about 14 or 17 years ago but her memory, and other mental faculties are so damaged she cannot be very certain of anything -- and further Deponent saith not. S/ Lydia Brackett, X her mark