

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Certain R1824

Susanna

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State of North Carolina Chatham County

On this 12th day of May A.D. 1846 personally appeared before the undersigned, one of the acting Justices of the Peace & a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for said County, Susannah Certain, a resident of said County & State, aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of July 1838, and extensions of said act; That she is the widow of John Certain Deceased who lived in Warren County State of North Carolina in time of the Revolutionary War, and was a Private Soldier in said War: that to the best of her understanding and belief her said Husband John Certain was drafted and served the rise of twelve months in the Revolutionary War. That his discharges have been mislaid; that she always understood from him he was a Private in the North Carolina Militia in the Revolution over one year: that she does not at this time know that any of his companions in arms; and the contemporary survivors in the Revolution are yet alive; That her Husband the said John Certain died about the year 1807 in Warren North Carolina and three years after said J. Certain's death she left Warren County and settled in Granville [County] and there lived two years; at the expiration of which time she removed and settled in the County of her present residence to wit (Chatham). That the said Susannah Certain further saith upon her said oath; that from much affliction of Body caused by Rheumatic Pains, and long lapse of time since the death of her said Husband John Certain she cannot tell the commencement, termination or number of tours, her said Husband was in the Revolution; nor his company and Field Officers; and if such things are required by the Department of War it must amount to an entire prohibition; and consequently she must be deprived of her just Rights;

And she also saith upon her said oath that she was married to the said John Certain in the year 1790 in Warren County North Carolina (by Wiett Hawkins Esquire) that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, that she does not know of any now living that was at her marriage; that she has not married since the death of her said Husband John Certain but still remains his widow – and that from affliction of Rheumatism she is unable to attend court to make her said Declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed this 12th day of May 1846.

S/ W. G. Harris, JP

S/ Susannah Certain, X her mark

[fn p. 7: at the September Term 1853 of the Chatham County Superior Court, the judge entered a finding that Susan Certain, the widow of John Certain, a revolutionary soldier, died on September five, 1853 survived by the following children: Margaret Gross, wife of Britton Gross, Clary Pendergrass wife of William Pendergrass, John Certain, Polly Certain, & Elizabeth Certain.]

[On August 11th, 1853 in Warren County North Carolina, Elizabeth Ellington, 90, gave testimony that she is the sister of Susannah Certain, the widow of John Certain; that Susannah Certain is this deponent's youngest sister and was living at the house of this Deponent at the time of her marriage; that the marriage took place at her house and she was present; that the ceremony was performed by Wiatt Hawkins Esquire a magistrate; that she is able to date the marriage only by the ages of her children; at the time John and Susannah were married, she, deponent, had two children; from their ages she is confident that the marriage took place 63 years ago or upwards.]

[fn p. 19: certificate dated April 12th, 1853 in the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments to a certain John Certain for military service during the revolution.]