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This day [16 Aug 1858] Elizabeth Fugate of the County of Russell & State of Virginia personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Scott County Va. and made oath, that Austin Godsey the Husband of Frankey Godsey formerly Frankey Hicks, told her that he and his brother William Godsey were in a number of battles from 1777 to the close of the war in 1784; and that William Godsey also told her that he & Austin were in the Revolutionary war together for several years, (or till the close of the war); she further states that she has heard Austin & Frankey Godsey often speak of their marriage, and she further recollects of hearing her mother speak of being at the marriage. Affiant has had a considerable acquaintance in Eastern Va & especial in the County of Buckingham & a considerable acquaintance in the Western portion of Va and affiant has never new nor heard of any other Austin Godsey but the husband of Frankey Godsey formerly Frankey Hicks but their two Grand sons by the same name. Affiant has every reason to believe that Austin & Wm. Godsey were in the war, for when they returned they had some continental money as they called it that they had received for their servises and affiant all ways heard them spoken of as men of truth, and she has heard other old soldiers conversing about being in the war with Austin Godsey & Wm. Godsey, and they all said that they had been honerably discharged. Elizabeth herXmark Fugate

NOTES:

On 12 May 1857 John Godsey stated that according to a family record kept by his father, he was 74 on the previous 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb, and that his brother, James Godsey, was 65 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of Aug 1856. He also stated that there was also a child 18 months older than he was, but he provided no details.

The file contains an affidavit dated 1 Aug 1857 regarding the service and marriage of Austin Godsey, allegedly signed by Clinton Godsey claiming to be a son of Frankey Godsey. Clinton Godsey subsequently denied making the affidavit, resulting in the exchange of charges and countercharges of misconduct by Godsey and the pension agent, J. W. Stevens of Abingdon VA. A letter by Stevens to the Pension Commissioner dated 15 Oct 1858 reads in part: "Since that time he [Clinton Godsey] is a drinking man, how true, I cannot say, but can say this much, he is a troublesom annoying man, he wrote to me about the prospect of his obtaining pension in right of his mother."

The file contains documents pertaining to Thomas Glaze (pension application W5283), evidently misfiled.