

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hewell ¹R4931

Susannah Hewell

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State of Georgia County of Newton: SS

On this seventh day of April A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Susannah Hewell aged one hundred three years a resident of Newton County in the State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of William Hewell deceased who was a private soldier in the revolutionary war with Great Britain in the year 1778 or 9 that her said husband was a private soldier in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Captain Stubblefield & Jewett in said Revolutionary war, That her said husband volunteered at ___ Court House in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia on or about the first day of September A.D. 1778 or 9, for the term of two years or twenty months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of two years and was honorably discharged at Philadelphia in the State of ___ on or about the first day of July A.D. 1779 or 80 –

She further states that she was married to the said William Hewell in the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia on or about the first day of December A.D. 1784 by one Mr. Barratt a minister of the Gospel. And that her name before her said marriage was Susannah Davenport, and that her said husband [died?] in the County of Oglethorpe in the State of Georgia on or about the first day of October A.D. 1818. And that she is a widow at the date of executing this her declaration and that she never obtained a Bounty land warrant under this or any act of Congress passed heretofore, she refers to this declaration and certificates are hereto attached as evidence of her husband's service and of her identity. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved 3rd day of March 1855 = She also declares that she has never received nor applied for Bounty land under this or any other act of Congress.

S/ Reuben Woodruff, JP

S/ Susan Hewell, X her mark

State of Georgia County of Newton:

On this 18th day of December 1855 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Susanna Hewell aged about one hundred three years a resident of Newton County in the State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the surviving widow of William Hewell deceased who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary war, she states that her said husband lived in the State of Virginia at the time

¹ Reg. 92407-55

he entered the service and that he continued in actual service in the Revolution for a considerable time the precise length of which deponent cannot now remember. She states that her said husband (as well as she remembers) was under a Captain by the name of Stubblefield, or some similar name. She refers to the record of the service of the Virginia soldiers for evidence of the service of William Hewell, and to her application for Bounty-Land No. 92,407 [?]² filed under act of 3rd March 1855 into the affidavit here with enclosed to establish the fact that William Hewell served as aforesaid that deponent was his wife, is now his widow and that William Hewell her said husband is dead. Deponent further states that she was married to the said William Hewell in the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia, but the date on which she was married deponent cannot now undertake to give correctly owing to a failure of her memory. She further states that there is no record evidence of her marriage either private or public that she knows of. She thinks there was no record kept of marriages in the County of Hanover Virginia at the time she was married. She states that she knows of no person now in life who was present and witnessed the marriage, and she believes all those who were present are now dead. She further states that she has no other means of establishing her marriage to the said William Hewell except by common reputation together with the fact that deponent and the said William Hewell always lived together as man and wife from as far back as the oldest acquaintances can remember up to the time of the death of said William Hewell. She further states that she had ___ children by the said William Hewell who have been received in respectable society and recognized in law as legitimate children and who received the estate of the said William Hewell at his death – She makes this statement on oath for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which she may be entitled under the act passed by Congress as well as to same as additional traditionary in her said claim No. 92,407 for Bounty Land under the act of 3rd March 1855. She further states that she is now a widow and has been a widow ever since the death, and was a widow at the time of the filing of her application above referred to. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of December 1855

S/ Reuben Woodruff, JP

S/ Susannah Hewell, X her mark