

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Livingston R6393

Rachel Livingston

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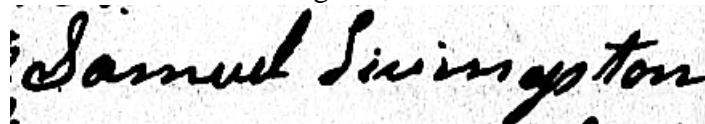
State of Alabama Lawrence County SS

Before the Probate Court of said County begun and held in and for said County on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1850. Personally appeared Samuel Livingston who is Administrator of the Estate of John Livingston and Rachel Livingston his wife and widow both deceased, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration for the use and benefit of the Children of the said John and Rachel Livingston herein after named, in order to obtain for them the aforesaid the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 – 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1843 & 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844. That the said John Livingston was a Private in the War of the Revolution, and served in the State Troops and Militia of Virginia, that he served at different periods, as much as two years or upwards in different Tours, that his Officers' names are not generally recollected, (his papers being all lost by accident's since his death among which were his discharges,) among whom was Colonel Cleveland [probably Benjamin Cleveland] under whom the said John Livingston served at the Battle of Kings Mountain in North Carolina [sic, South Carolina, October 7, 1780], the said John was also in the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] in South Carolina and others that cannot now be specifically enumerated. That the said John Livingston died on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1826 in the County of Blount in the State of Alabama, and that his widow the said Rachel Livingston died on 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1845. That they the said John Livingston in the said Rachel Livingston were married in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1783, and that said marriage did not take place until after said John Livingston had left the Service, but took place at the time aforesaid. That the said Rachel's maiden name was Rachel Freeman. That this application is made for the purpose of obtaining the arrearages of Pension due to the said John Livingston in his said widow under the several acts aforesaid.

Subscribed and sworn to in Open Court

S/ H. A. McGhee JP

S/ Samuel Livingston, Adm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Livingston". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The first letter 'S' is large and prominent, and the name is written in a fluid, connected style.

[p 7: Ruling, dated December 11, 1850, given by Henry A. McGhee, Judge of the court of Probate for Lawrence County Alabama finding the facts to be as set forth in the above affidavit of Samuel Livingston and adding the following finding regarding Rachel Livingston "and that she left the following named Children surviving her, and none others who were also the Children

of said John Livingston, that is to say, William Livingston, Susan Livingston who intermarried with Benjamin Johnson, John Livingston, Francis [sic, Frances] Livingston who intermarried with Samuel Livingston (declarant), and Elizabeth Livingston who intermarried with Joshua Roberts."]

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Appeared in Open Court William Livingston Livingston [sic] aged sixty-seven years, a resident of Blount County in the State of Alabama, who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is the first Child of John and Rachel Livingston aforesaid as he has always been informed (and believes) by the said John and Rachel his Father and Mother, deponent deposes and says, that he was Born in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina and resided there in the immediate vicinity where the marriage between the aforesaid John Livingston and Rachel was solemnized, that they the said John and Rachel were then and there recognized by the Community to be Husband and Wife that a large portion of the aforesaid children were born in said County of Wilkes, and that up to the time of the death of the said John Livingston he always acknowledged and recognized the said Rachel to be his Wife, that from the earliest recollection of deponent they cohabited together as husband and wife, deponent believes that the Rites of Matrimony between the parties were solemnized by one James Fletcher and Acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Wilkes, deponent further deposes and says that he is now in the possession of some relics of Family Jewelry that has descended to him as being the Oldest Child of the said John and Rachel Livingston, that they the said John and Rachel The family record which has been lost since the death of the said John.

S/ William Livingston, X his mark

[p 8: On December 11, 1850 in Lawrence County Alabama, Pheby Livingston, 89, gave a supporting affidavit in which she states that she always understood that the veteran was in many battles none of which he can name except Kings Mountain; that she lived in a Fort on the Virginia frontier where the parents of the said John resided for a great length of time. Her relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]