



At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions open & held for the County of Cleveland & State aforesaid on the 7th day of June 1854 personally appeared in open Court Elender Reinhardt a resident of the County of Lincoln and State aforesaid, aged 79 years, last January who being duly sworn according to law upon her oath says she is the widow of Jacob Rinehardt who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War she states that her husband told her that he was a drafted soldier and that he had also been and enlisted one in the Continental line and remained a soldier until the war closed she is unable to mention the name of his Captain in the Militia, but she recollects that he often spoke of his Captain Brevard of Lincoln, she was married at the residence of her Father in Lincoln County in the 16th year of her age by the Reverend John Carver -- her husband she says died in Lincoln County on the 28th day of June 1834 and has remained a widow since, never having married again, she makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provisions of the acts of the United States in behalf of the widows of soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War, she claims a pension due her husband at his death under the act of 7th of June 1832 for 2 years 10 months and 24 days and she further claims a pension due her by the act of the 7th of July 1838 Marched the 3rd 1843 June 17 1844 February 2nd 1848 and by the act of February 1853 she desires to be placed on the Pension Roll of the State of North Carolina for life.

She gives as a reason for filing her declaration in the adjoining County to which she resides the fact that there will be no Court in Lincoln County until the 10th of July, and she is anxious to have her claim presented at as early a date as possible. She further states that she was the mother of 14 children in lawful wedlock with her husband Jacob Reinhardt, she has no documentary evidence of the services of her husband.

Test: S/ B. Goforth, Clk

S/ Elender Reinhardt, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: On this 15th day of January 1855 personally appeared before me George Coon a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Lincoln and State aforesaid Ellender Reinhart aged 80 years about the 14th of this month a resident of the County of Lincoln who being duly sworn according to law says she is the widow of Jacob Reinhart deceased who was a Revolutionary soldier from this County, she states that previous to her marriage with said Jacob Reinhart, notice was given publicly at church by the Reverend John Carver three times that we were to be married, and we were accordingly married, she again states as she has heretofore done that she was married in the 16th year of her age, and she further says that she knows of no Bible in existence containing a record of her marriage, with said Rinehart.

S/ Ellender Reinhardt, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

I Peter Stamey a Magistrate of the County of Lincoln in State aforesaid, Certify, that with Jacob Reinhardt deceased who was the husband of Ellender Reinhardt, I was intimately acquainted, knew both before they were married to each other, was at their wedding, they were married by a clergyman by the name of John Carver he is satisfied in the year 1791 or 92 she was quite young, not certainly older than 16 years, when she was married to the said Jacob Reinhardt, He further says, that there was 2 captains with their companies marched out of Reinhardt's barn near the village of Lincolnton, in the latter part of July 1782, the name of one of the captains was Decotes

[sic, Peter Bacot], the other was Alexander Brevard -- a brother of the undersigned was under Decotes, his name was John Stamey, -- Jacob Reinhardt was under Captain Brevard, saw said Reinhardt and his brother John in ranks that very day going off from said Reinhardt's barn with said Captains Decotes and Brevard -- Decotes started for Charleston South Carolina and Brevard went to Charlotte, thence to Wilmington North Carolina was acquainted with Brevard until his death, saw him and Decotes, both were mounted on Horses on the day spoken of, and their respective Companies followed them. -- with said companies, and of them, were the said Jacob Reinhardt and John Stamey.

He further says that previous to the revolution Governor Tryon imposed quite a tax own marriage licenses, that after the Revolution, marriage licenses were obtained by some, but that many were married after the Bans were published 3 times at Church, he thinks it likely, that, was the case of Jacob Reinhardt and Ellender Corvey, and adds he will be 87 years do if he lives until April next and is disinterested. January 12th 1855

S/ P. Stamey, JP