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Pension application of John Bledsoe R939  
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Sarah Bledsoe

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District: Court of Ordinary May 1st 1846

On this the 1st day of May 1846 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary held in and for the District in State aforesaid Sarah Bledsoe a resident of South Carolina District of Edgefield aged eighty-four years past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 8th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of John Bledsoe who was a soldier and served as she verily believes and always understood, faithfully and truly in the War of the Revolution. That her husband the aforesaid John Bledsoe was at the time of the War a resident of the State of North Carolina in the County of Wake: and went into the Service of the United States as a private drafted and volunteer Soldier, from said County and State, as she has always understood and often heard him say. That she was not acquainted with the aforesaid John Bledsoe, her husband, till after the close of the War and after his removal to the State of South Carolina Edgefield District: where she first became acquainted with him in the year 1787 and was soon after married to him in the State and District aforesaid. Declarant recollects well to have heard her husband the aforesaid John Bledsoe often times tell of his Services, his privations and hardships in the War of the Revolution, but the time her husband entered Service and the time he quit the service, the Battles in which he fought and the country through which he marched, though she has often heard him tell of them all, age and afflictions have erased them from her mind. That she recollects very well to have heard him say that he served with one Drury Hearn<sup>1</sup> (now dead) who after the death of her said husband John Bledsoe, obtained a pension from the United States, on account of his Revolutionary Services: and declarant has been informed that the declaration of the said Drury Hearn, under an act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, is now on file in the Pension Office, and to which she refers for a narrative of his Services in the names of the Officers under whom the Services were rendered, for that space of time, as the said John Bledsoe and Drury Hearn rendered Service together, until the said Drury Hearn left the Service: that her said husband John Bledsoe continued in the Service, but the length of time not recollected.

That she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim, that her husband's discharges were burned soon after their marriage: the said discharges together with numerous other papers and clothing were in her husband's Trunk, when the House in which the Trunk was,

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<sup>1</sup> [Drury Hearn W3548](#)

at that time caught on fire, and was not discovered till too late to say anything from the flames: which discharges showed about three years Service, as she always heard and understood in the War of the Revolution: that she knows of no person now living by whom she could prove her husband services.

She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid John Bledsoe on the 9th day of September in the year 1788 by a Magistrate Russell Wilson, in Edgefield District State of South Carolina; that she has no documentary evidence of her marriage other than the family Registry, which is hereto annexed: that she knows of no person now living by whom she could prove her marriage: that the family Record hereto annexed is the only one owned by her or her husband for many years: that the entries thereon down to the birth of Elizabeth Hearn Daughter of Drury and Keren Happuch Hearn, is in the handwriting of one Mr. John Trapp a Baptist Clergyman, they were taken from a small Book owned by her husband, and registered upon the leaf hereto annexed through his instructions: the remainder of entries thereon are in the handwriting of her daughter Mahala Bledsoe and that said record has undergone no alteration whatever since the death of her husband.

That her husband the aforesaid John Bledsoe died on the 24th day of November in the year 1829. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 this at the first above stated.

S/ Sarah Bledsoe, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year 1st above written in open Court before me.

S/ John Hill, Ordinary

[fn p. 5: Elbert Bledsoe gave testimony in Edgefield District South Carolina that he was present at the time that John Bledsoe died on November 24, 1829 leaving Sarah Bledsoe as his widow.]

[pp 7-9: family record]

#### Deaths

Mary Bledsoe the wife of William Bledsoe died December the 8, 1825

Martha Bledsoe the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe died July the 26, 1827

John Bledsoe died November the 24, 1829

Cassandra Bledsoe the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe died October the 19, 1835

#### Births

John Bledsoe and Sarah his wife were married September 9th 1788

Keren happuch the daughter of John & Sarah Bledsoe was born November 12th in the year of our Lord 1789

William the son of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord March 4th 1791

Heathy the daughter of John and Sarah was born in the year of our Lord October 6, 1792

Julius the son of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord December 22nd, 1793

Artemisia the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord April 19th 1796

Marth [sic], the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord February 27 [year illegibly faint]

[name illegibly faint] daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord September 2nd 1799

Emily the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord February 28 1801

Bud the son of John and Sarah was born in the year of our Lord January 13th 1803  
Mahala the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord September the 30, 1804

#### Births

Drury Hearn and Keren happuch his wife was married in the year of our Lord May 17th 1814

Abner the son of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord February 22nd 1815

John the son of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord February 11th 1816

Sarah the daughter of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord March 23rd 1817

Oliver the son of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord August 22nd 1818

Emiline the daughter of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord December 30th 1819

Edaline the daughter of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord February 4th, 1821

Tollever the son of jewelry and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord April 11th 1822

Jerusha the daughter of Drury Hearn and Keren happuch Hearn was born the 16th of July the year of our Lord 1823

Elizabeth Hearn the daughter of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn his wife was born May 26 in the year of our Lord 1825

Maryann and Sarah Hearn was born December the 25, 1826

Edmond Hearn was born January 16th 1829

[p 11: On February 10, 1855 in Edgefield District South Carolina, Elbert Bledsoe, 42, filed a claim as the son of John and Sarah Bledsoe stating that his father was a veteran of the revolutionary war; that his father died in 1829 aged to the best of his recollection more than 70 years of age; that his mother Sarah Bledsoe died in Edgefield District South Carolina November 21, 1853 aged 84 years; that his parents were lawfully married in 1788; that they had 12 children, 6 of whom are now living, being Keren Happuch, formerly the wife but now the widow of Drury Hearn; Julius Bledsoe, Artemisia Bledsoe, Emily now the wife of Jesse Rambo; Mahala, now the wife of Marcelas Conley; and Elbert Bledsoe.



Elbert Bledsoe

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Raleigh NC  
Comptroller's Office

I William F Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby Certify that the name of John Bledsoe appears of record in this office as having had the following Specie Certificates issued in his name for Military Services (viz.) one for six Pounds Ten Shillings (£6.10) See Book No. 2 page 44 Also another for three Pounds (£3) in Book A No. 11 page 16 the following Specie Certificates were issued in the name of J Bledsoe (viz.) one for

Three Pounds Ten Shillings (£3.10) See Book No. 24 page 10 also another in Same Book page 12 for Twenty Pounds Five Shillings (£20.5) Also Another in the same Book page 10 for One pound four Shillings (£1.4). Also Another in Book S No. 26 page 32 for six Pounds Ten Shillings (£6.10) and Another in Book No. 10 page 23 for Nine Pounds (£9)

Given under my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day May A.D. 1846

S/ Wm F. Collins, Comptroller

[Family Record]

<p>Mary Bledsoe the wife of William Bledsoe died December the 18. 1825          Martha Bledsoe the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe died July the 26. 1827          John Bledsoe died November the 24. 1828          Rebecca Bledsoe the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe died October the 17. 1835</p>	<p>John Bledsoe and Sarah his wife were married September 9<sup>th</sup> 1788.          Heron Hapgood the daughter of John &amp; Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord 1789.          William the son of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord March 4<sup>th</sup> 1791          Heathy the daughter of John and Sarah was born in the year of our Lord October 6<sup>th</sup> 1792.          Julius the son of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord Dec<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1793.          Artemisia the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord April 19<sup>th</sup> 1796.</p>	<p>Martha the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord Feb. 27. 1795          and the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord Sept<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1799.          Emily the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord February 28<sup>th</sup> 1801.          Bred the son of John and Sarah was born in the year of our Lord Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1803.          Uthala the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord Sept the 30. 1804</p>
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Drury Hearn and Heren  
Kappuch, his wife was  
married in the year of  
our Lord May 17<sup>th</sup> 1814.

Almer the son of Drury  
and Herenkappuch Hearn  
was born in the year of  
our Lord, Feby 22<sup>nd</sup> 1815.

John the son of Drury and  
Herenkappuch Hearn was  
born in the year of our  
Lord Feby 11<sup>th</sup> 1816.

Sarah the daughter of Drury  
and Herenkappuch Hearn  
was born in the year of our  
Lord March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1817.

Almer the son of Drury  
and Herenkappuch Hearn  
was born in the year of our  
Lord Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1818

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and Herenkappuch Hearn  
was born in the year of our  
Lord Decr 30<sup>th</sup> 1819.

Edaline the daughter of  
Drury and Herenkappuch  
Hearn was born in the year  
of our Lord Feby. 4<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Followe the son of Drury  
and Herenkappuch Hearn  
was born in the year of our  
Lord April 11<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Jerusha the daughter  
of Drury Hearn and  
Herenkappuch Hearn was  
born 16<sup>th</sup> July the year  
of our Lord 1823.

Elizabeth Hearn the  
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in the year of  
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