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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Chapman SC1310
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Petition of Nancy Chapman for a pension

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina –

Your petitioner most respectfully represents that she is the Widow of Thomas Chapman deceased a soldier in the revolutionary War under the command of Colonel Manning [sic, probably Captain Lawrence Manning] – that her deceased husband was honorably discharged at the close of the War – that he afterwards placed in the hands of his gallant Commander the necessary papers to procure for him a pension at the hands of the Federal government – that his said Commander departed this life before the object was obtained and in consequence thereof he the said Thomas Chapman never could regain the possession of his papers –

Your petitioner further represents that she is now over Eighty years of age and in destitute circumstances and must respectfully ask that such pecuniary aid as your honorable body may be pleased to grant, be extended to her for the few remaining days of her stay on earth –

Your petitioner further represents that she was married to the said Thomas Chapman during the progress of the Revolutionary war but at what particular period she does not now exact I remember.

That your honorable body may grant the relief sought for in the humble prayer of your petitioner.

Sworn to before me

November 16, 1846

S/ Moses M. Benbow

S/ Nancy Chapman, X her mark

South Carolina

Sumter District } Personally appeared before me Ja. Richbourg who made oath that she has been personally acquainted with Nancy Chapman for about sixty years – that the said Nancy Chapman has been an inmate of her house for more than twenty years and that from her

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knowledge of her character and of many of the circumstances set forth in the within petition she verily believes them all to be strictly true.

Sworn to before me

November 17, 1846

S/ M. M. Benbow, Mag.

S/ Ja Richbourg, X her mark

Mary Wise concurs generally in the facts set forth

S/ M. M. Benbow, Mag.

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The Committee on the military and pensions to which was referred the Petition of Nancy Chapman praying a Pension, begs leave to Report that the committee has had the same under consideration, and recommends that the prayer of petitioner be not granted.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John Buchanan, Chairman

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Nancy Chapman praying for a Pension, have had the same under consideration & beg leave to report

That the evidence of the facts set forth in the Petition is insufficient & unsatisfactory. It is stated by the Petitioner that she was married to Thomas Chapman her deceased husband & a soldier of the revolution, during the progress of the Revolutionary war, but at what particular period she does not remember, Your Committee were not satisfied that the marriage took place during the service of the deceased soldier and recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be not granted

S/ G. W. Williams, Chairman