

Downum is in consequence of his deponent's having married the sister of the aforesaid Esther Downum & that the said Esther Downum is a resident of the State of Tennessee & County of Franklin, a widow and has remained such since the death of her husband as aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed this 26th day of December 1840

S/ James F. Green, JP

S/ John Denson Senior

State of Tennessee Franklin County: personally came before me James F. Greene Esther town and made oath in due form of law, that she has not a record of her marriage with her husband's Speakman Downum as aforesaid, but the enclosed she purporting to be the ages of the children of said deponent & her husband as aforesaid is genuine.

Sworn to & subscribed this 26 December 1840. And from old age & consequent infirmity is unable to attend court.

S/ Esther Downum, X her mark

[fn p. 7: typed verbatim]

William Downom Son of Speakman and Esther Downom his wife was born the 11th Day of May in year 1783

James Downom Son of Speakman and Esther Downom his wife was born the 6th Day of September in the year 1785

Speakman Downom Son of Speakman and Esther Downom his wife was Born the 21st Day of September in the 1787

Elizabeth Downom Daughter of Speakman and Esther Downom his wife was Born the 12th Day of March in the year 1790

Ester Downom Daughter of Speakman Downom Ester his wife was born first day of july in the year of our Lord 1792

Lydia Downam the Daughter of Speakman and Esther Downam was born June 6th in the year of our Lord 1795

Speakman Downam [obliterated] of Speakman and Esther Downam was Born Nov [obliterated] in the year of our Lord 1796

Mary Downam was born March the 5th in the year of our Lord 1803

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State of South Carolina Richland district: This is to Certify that I Abram Sheppard Junior Captain did enlist James Stradley in the 10th Regiment of North Carolina Commanded by Colonel Abram Sheppard Senior -- I do hereby Certify I Abram Sheppard Junior did enlist the above James Stradley for the tirm [sic] of three years as a contental [sic] Soldier

Abra Sheppard

this the 25 November 1802

Certify'd before me

S/ John C. Dams [Davis?] [last name very uncertain]

¹ An undated letter in the file has the following explanation for why documents relating to James Stradley are included in this file: "you will find two discharges given for the same person a mistake I presume by the officer who gave them, the fact of the wound received by the testimony of John Denton Senior as respects Speakman Downum, will show that one of the enclosed discharges was intended for him, Downum & Stradley were brothers-in-law & at the time Downum received his wound, was in consequence of it discharge from further duty and Stradley after the dismissal, from the service, of Downum, obtained both discharges at the same time, and there by the error was committed which the records of the war office will show."

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State of South Carolina Richland District: This is to Certify that I Abram Sheppard Junior Captain did enlist James Stradley in the 10th Regiment of North Carolina commanded by Colonel Abram Sheppard Senior I do hereby certify that I Abram Sheppard Junior did enlist the above James Stradley for the term of three years as a Continental soldier and he served as a good soldier and received a wound in George Town in Meriland

Given under my hand this 25th day of November 1802

S/ Abram Sheppard

This the 25th day of November 1802

Certify before me

S/ John C. Dams [Davis] [?]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war shows that Speakman Downum a private in Captain Shepard's company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the 20th of June 1777. The muster rolls does not show for what length of time he enlisted or how long he served, but a warrant for bounty land was issued to him for three years service.

Given under my hand this 19th day of January 1841

S/ Wm Hill