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Pension application of Willis Ward W18255

Margaret

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State of North Carolina Nash County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1844

On this the 12th day of November 1844 personally appeared in open Court Willis Ward Jr. and maketh this following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836 and after being first duly sworn according to law doth declare on his oath that he is fifty-six years old that he is the son of Willis Ward Senior and Margaret his wife that his said father Willis Ward was a soldier in the war of the Revolution that he entered the service in the year 1781 for 12 months as a private in Captain Bailey's Company as will more fully appear by the attached Certificate which he has procured from the Secretary of the State of North Carolina. That his deceased father died in the year 1789 that his deceased mother who he now represents died on the 5th day of March 1839 and that his mother maiden name was Margaret Batchelor, that his Father and mother was married in the year 1777 and that he has one sister named Charity ward who intermarried with one Francis Rackley (who is now a widow and that they are all the heirs that survived their deceased mother and he further declares that his Father and mother both lived and died residents of the County Nash and State aforesaid, that they nor their deceased mother nor either of them was another placed on the pension list of this or any other State or Territory whatever and that he relinquishes all claim to pension whatever except the present.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year within written before me

S/ Francis M. Taylor, CCC

S/ Willis Ward

State of North Carolina Nash County: This day came John Batchelor, Sr. Of the County and State aforesaid, before me Berryman Batchelor one of the acting justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he knew Willis Ward Senior that he the said Willis married his and Margaret Batchelor about sixty years ago at the least and that they lived together as man and wife from that time until his death and that they were always reputed as man and wife in the neighborhood in which they lived. He also swears that he knows Willis Ward Junior and that he is the son of Willis Ward Senior and Margaret his wife (formerly Margaret Batchelor) and has always been considered such by the people in the neighborhood.

S/ John Batchelor, Senior, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed before me

S/ B. Batchelor, JP

[attested by the clerk of court December 23, 1845]

State of North Carolina Nash County: On this 13th day of February 1846 personally appeared before me Drury Joyner an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Daniel Batchelor Sr., a resident of said County and State, aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, certify, that he well knows that Willis Ward Sr. (who was a soldier of the Revolution) and his wife Margaret (whose maiden name was Margaret Batchelor) were living together as man and wife, before the said bachelor entered the service of the United States in the said War of the Revolution; that they were said to have been lawfully married, and he has no doubt they were.

He further certifies that he was at the house of the said Willis Ward Sr. when he returned home from the service; That he went there for the purpose of keeping the aforesaid Margaret Ward (wife of the said Willis Ward Sr. and sister of this affiant) company, and that he well recollects that the said Margaret was then the mother of one child, by the aforesaid Willis Ward, whose name was Thomas Ward, That they had four other children afterwards, viz. Caleb, Stephen, Charity and the Declarant Willis Ward Jr., who is the youngest child; and is, now fifty-seven years of age; and that they continued to live together as man and wife until the death of the aforesaid Willis Ward Sr., who died some time in the year 1789, as well as affiant recollects.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Drury Joyner, JP

S/ Daniel Batchelor, X his mark

State of North Carolina Nash County: On this 3rd day of May 1847, personally appeared before me, John H. Drake an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, Willis Ward Jr., son of Willis Ward Sr. Deceased, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath certify, that his mother Margaret Ward, who was the widow of the aforesaid Willis Ward Sr., departed this life, on the 20th day of March, 1838, as stated in the certificate of the County Court of this County -- which issued at the last of November Term, upon a statement made by himself upon oath, the aforesaid Court; And that the date of his mother's death, as set forth in his declaration, is incorrect. Affiant further certifies, that at the time he subscribed his said declaration, he had to be governed entirely by his own recollection of the date of his mother's death, having kept no record thereof; and being called upon, to state the day of her decease, with but little time for reflection about the matter, stated that he believed, that his Mother died on the 5th day of March, 1839, which was a mistake; and that he continued to labor under that mistake, until his oldest son, German W. Ward, convinced him of the mistake, recurring him, to the age of his, the said German W. Ward's oldest child, (viz.) Jackie Rosanna Ward, who was born on the 16th day of January 1837, whose ages recorded, and who was upwards of fourteen months old when his mother the aforesaid Margaret Ward died; and by referring him also, to the Chimney which was built to the house to which he now resides, which Chimney, was built, in the month of January 1839, the year after his mother's death, & has the date in which it was built, inscribed upon it; and the circumstance of his, the said German W. Ward, going to the Town of Nashville, on the 20th day of March 1838, to deliver some fodder, which he had raised on a piece of land, that he had rented in the year 1837; and that when he returned from natural, on the said 20th day of March 1838, he found his mother the said Margaret Ward dated. That by reference to the

above named circumstances, affiant is enabled to state with precision, the date of his mother's death, which took place at his house, on the 20th day of March 1838, as above stated. This affiant further certifies that he does not want anything more from the General Government, then what the heirs of the said Margaret Ward deceased, are justly entitled to, on account of the services of the aforesaid Willis Ward Senior deceased, in the War of the revolution; and this affiant in right of himself and his sister Charity Rackly, who are the only heirs at law, of the aforesaid Margaret Ward deceased, only claims a pension, for twelve months service in the said War of the revolution, rendered by her husband the aforesaid Willis Ward Senior, from the 4th day of March 1831, to the 20th day of March 1838: that being the day on which he is mother the said Margaret Ward died. Affiant further certifies that no Physician attended his mother during her last illness; that she had been lingering for a long time, and was adverse to taking medicine, and was entirely worn out, he thinks, with old age, when she died. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me.

S/ Jno. H. Drake, Jr., JP

S/ Willis Ward

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that Willis Ward a private Soldier in Captain Bailey's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 2nd day of April 1781 for the term of twelve months and that he left the service on the 2nd day of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 30th day of October 1844

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Veteran's widow's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending March 20, 18\_\_when she died.]