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Pension application of Richard Downing W19185      Polly      fn29NC  
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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 Richard Downing a private Soldier in Captain Shepard's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 10th day of June 1777 for the term of three years, and a warrant was issued for bounty land to him in 1784 for three years services.

Given under my hand this 29th day of May 1847  
S/ Wm Hill, Secry

[fn p. 4: marriage bond issued to Richard Downing and William Hare in Johnston County North Carolina on May 1, 1776 to secure the marriage of Richard Downing to Polly Stradly.]

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 20th day of May appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace Polly Downing a Resident of Johnston County aged 98 years, 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 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Richard Downing who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, that he her husband the aforesaid Richard Downing enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777, on the 20th day of June for the term of three years under Captain Shepherd, that she cannot now at this remote period of time recollect under what other officers, her husband has told her he served, but she distinctly remembers having heard him say he served under Captain Shepherd, and she knows that he was gone from home that length of time, which was the time for which he enlisted. She further declares that she was married to her deceased husband the said Richard Downing on the 4th day of May 1776, in the County of Johnston State of North Carolina by Reuben Hays and that her maiden name was Polly Stradley that her eldest child was born in the year 1778 and her name is Mary (which is her only child) that her Husband the aforesaid Richard Downing died in Johnston County on the 29th day of April in the year 1829, aged about 74 -- years as she has often heard him say, and that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

S/ Polly Downing, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 22nd day of May 1845 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County Jesse Green<sup>1</sup> aged 85 years a pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War who being sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following affidavit

This affiant testifies and says that he was well acquainted with Richard Downing deceased of Johnston County who was a soldier three years in the Revolutionary War I served with him we were stationed for some time at Halifax we were then marched to Tarborough then to [indecipherable word] then to New Bern then to Trenton then to Wilmington I have a perfect Recollection of Richard Downing and of his services I know he married Polly Stradley about the year 1776 I know he belonged to Captain Shepherd's Company and Richard Downing died about the year 1829 and I know that his widow has been a widow ever since his death.

S/ Jesse Green

[Mary Downing, daughter of Richard and Polly Downing, filed as the heir of her parents for the pensions due them.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Jesse Green W11084](#)