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Pension Application of Joel Austin W3375

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State of Virginia: Campbell County SS.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1841, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Anne Austin, a resident of said County and State, aged 80 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838—

That she is the widow of Joel Austin, late of the County of Charlotte and State aforesaid, who was a private in the War of the Revolution. She declares, that her late husband in his life time often related to her the particulars of his service in the Revolutionary Army, stating that he served a considerable length of time, and giving the names of commanding officers, and the various Regiments to which he was attached: also that he was engaged in several battles and skirmishes and suffered many hardships and privations— All of which, she believes to be true and correct— It has, however, been so long back, and in consequence of bodily infirmity, old age, and consequent loss of memory, that she cannot call distinctly to recollection the particulars of his service as detailed by him, and therefore would prefer to rely on the statement of others who served with him, for more particular information, that she could furnish— That for the same reason, she cannot state with certainty, how long he was in actual service altogether, but would suppose he served at least nine months, for which length of time, she claims a pension— In support of her claim, she refers to the Army Records of the period, and the accompanying certificates of competent and credible witnesses who served with him.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Joel Austin, on the [blank] day of [blank] 1782; that her husband the aforesaid Joel Austin died on the [blank] day of April, 1792; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, and has never intermarried— She further declares, that the marriage took place, after the last period of her husband's service expired, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed, or accompanying this Declaration—

Anne herXmark Austin

Dear Sir

September 4<sup>th</sup> 1841

You must apply to Coln. John Harvey for the paper you give me Coln Harvey says Coln Cheathams certifficate is sufficient but if you think it necessary to get Butter Wood Thomas Harveys [Thomas Harvey, pension application R4715] certifficate you can do so he states my Farther had a bullet shot through his hand in the Gilford Battle [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] my Farther died in 1792 in the month of April my Farther had been married Eleven months when the War Ended you can ascertain when he was married my Mother lives in Campbell County at this time But she will move to this county in October so if you can fix the returns to come to this county it will be best I should of Been glad to of seen you at Court but entirely out of any power at this time please write me a few lines By Mr Moseley if there is any thing more that I can do you will inform me yours Respectly Stephen Austin For witnesses, call on Wm. Scott, Christopher Robertson & old Mrs. Harvey & Jno Williamson.

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I Thomas Harvey (Butterwood) of Charlotte County, Va, do certify that Joel Austin was a soldier in the Revolution, as coming within my personal knowledge. He was first drafted in the Militia in the early part of 1779, for six months, under Capt William Morton, and marched to the South. I recollect that Mr. William Scott of the same County, (but late of Prince Edward County, and a pensioner [S7461] of the U. States) was with him. He was drafted the second time, in 1781, under my Father Capt John Harvey,

and marched to Guilford, where he was severely wounded in the hand, and served I think about six weeks or two months. I was attached at the time to Waggon belonging to the Army. I am in the 82<sup>d</sup> year of my age. Given under my hand this 2<sup>d</sup> day, March 1842. Thos. hisXmark Harvey

State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

I John Williamson, aged about 75 years, do hereby certify that I have known Joel Austin and Anne his wife, from my infancy; and know the fact they lived as man & wife, and raised a family of children, and were married prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1794 – I farther certify, that I knew said Joel Austin in the War of the Revolution, although not old enough to serve myself; and know the fact that he served two tours of duty in the Militia, being present at the time the Companies marched – The first tour, I think was under Capt Morton, and marched to the South about [blank] day of January 1779, for the term of 6 months; the second tour, for 3 months, was under Capt Harvey, and marched about 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1781; he might have rendered other service, and think he did, in the State of Virginia; of which I have no knowledge; I feel perfectly satisfied that in all of his service, he must have exceeded six months, if not nine months – He was always recognized on Public Celebrations as a soldier of the Revolution –

[Certified on 2 Nov 1846]

John Williamson

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I Stephen Austin do hereby certify in addition to my former Certificate (taken before Col John Harvey a Justice of the peace) that Joel Austin, the husband of Anne Austin, a claimant for a Pension, departed this life in the County of Charlotte on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1792, Intestate. That he was a very poor man, and left little or no property, and as such no letter of Administration was granted or taken out on his Estate.

Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1847.

Stephen hisXmark Austin

NOTE: On 18 Oct 1842 Anne Austin stated that she and Joel Austin were married in the fall of 1782 by Rev. John Weatherford.