

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cleveland (Cleaveland) W6696

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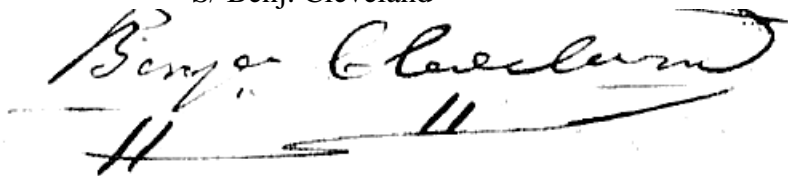
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State of Georgia Habersham County: On this 13th day of October 1847, Personally appeared in open Court, before his honor C. Dougherty one of the Circuit Judges of the Superior Courts of Law in and for the State aforesaid General Benjamin Cleveland a resident Citizen of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits which accrue to his Mother Catharine Cleveland Deceased under the Provisions made by Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, that she the said Catharine Cleveland, whose name previous to her marriage with his Father Captain John Cleveland was Catherine Montgomery, was the Widow of the Said Captain John Cleveland, who entered the service of the United States in Wilkes County North Carolina, as Captain of a Foot Company of Militia in the year 1779 or 1780, in Colonel Benjamin Cleveland's Regiment in General Rutherford's Brigade, and after remaining in such command for about six or seven months, he was commissioned as a Captain of Cavalry, and took command of a Horse Company, in which command he remained, and continued to serve, in his Father's, the aforesaid Colonel Benjamin Cleveland's Regiment in General Rutherford's Brigade until the close of the War, and hostilities ceased. He further declares that his mother the said Catharine, was married to his Father the said Captain John Cleveland in the town of Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1781, and that the said John Cleveland Died in the month of April in the year 1802, leaving surviving him the said Catharine his Widow & Relict who continued to survive him up to the early part of August 1840, and that she continued single and a widow up to her Death, Declarant further states that the marriage of his father & mother the said John & Catharine Cleveland took place prior to the last period of the said Captain John Cleveland's Service in the Army, as he has often heard his Father and Mother both say; – He further states that, the said Catharine left surviving her Mary who intermarried with Abednego Franklin, Elizabeth who intermarried with James Smith, Martha who intermarried with Thomas S Bonner and Benjamin Cleveland the present applicant all of whom continued to survive, and who are the only heirs and legatees at law of her the said Catharine Cleveland.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & date above

S/ Benj. Cleveland

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Cleveland". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Benj. Cleveland".

[p 7: Susan Sloan, 86, testified on May 29, 1850 in Anderson and District South Carolina that she was an eyewitness to the marriage of Captain John Cleveland to Catherine Montgomery, then a young widow; the marriage took place near Salisbury in North Carolina.]

[fn p. 9: on February 6, 1852 in Cherokee County Georgia, Mrs. Mary Franklin, 70 as of the 15th day of March next, gave testimony that she is the daughter and one of the heirs at law of Captain John Cleveland and his wife Catherine; that she is the oldest of their children; that she does not have the record of her birth; that the original record made by her father has long since been lost; but she knows she was born March 15th, 1782.

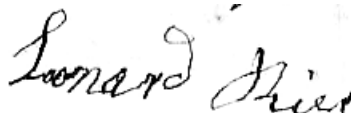
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Georgia Elbert County: Personally appeared before me Eppy White a justice of the peace in and for said County Leonard Rice¹ who being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith on oath that he deponent was well acquainted with John Cleveland Deceased in the County of Wilkes State of North Carolina during the Revolution war between the United States and Great Britain and deponent further saith that the said John Cleveland was then frequently acting as Captain commanding a Company of Light Horse or infantry but under what Colonels or General deponent cannot state and deponent further saith that he was in company with the said John Cleveland on the night previous to the battle at Ramsour's Mills and that him and deponent visited the Battle Ground on the next morning after the battle and Deponent was from that place ordered on to Salisbury as a guard over the Tories where the said Cleveland was ordered from that place Deponent cannot state, but deponent sayeth further that after that time he frequently was knowing to said Cleveland's Company being ordered out, as he deponent made his home at the house of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland who was the father of the said then Captain John Cleveland and after the close of the war Deponent & said John Cleveland removed to the State of Georgia where deponent was well acquainted with said Cleveland until his death – Sworn to and subscribed before made this first day of February in the year 1840

S/ Eppy White, JP

S/ Leonard Rice



[p 53: certificate dated May 30, 1853 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments made to Captain John Cleveland for military services during the revolution.]

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State of Georgia County of Franklin: On this 24th day of November 1849 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Magistrate in and for the State & County aforesaid, John Stonecypher² a Citizen of said County aged ninety-three years, a Pensioner of the United States, and after being duly sworn according to law declares upon his oath that he was personally and

¹ [Leonard Rice W3869](#)

² [John Stonecypher S16539](#)

intimately acquainted with Captain John Cleveland the father of General Benjamin Cleveland of Habersham County in this State who is now an applicant for the amount of Pension which failed you and accrued to his mother Catharine Cleveland Deceased, he further states that immediately after the Battle of the Cowpens in January or February 1781, he affiant then being under the command of Captain Shepherd General Rutherford's Brigade & Colonel Cleveland's Regiment, he affiant was ordered out with others and put under the command of Captain John Cleveland who was at the time in command of a foot company in said Regiment, and was sent to guard the trading Ford on the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] to prevent the British Army from crossing & Cornwallis ascertaining that point was guarded he turned up the River & crossed at the shallow Ford, and that he remained under the command of the said Captain Cleveland at that time three months, he further states that some time previous to his entering that service he served a short time under the said Captain John Cleveland after the Tories out on New River [sic, New River] the date of that tour he cannot precisely give though he knows it was sometime in the summer of 1780. He remained in that service about one month or six weeks he further states that that about the month of July 1781 the said John Cleveland took command of a Horse Company as Captain in the said Regiment of his Father Colonel Cleveland in which command he remained for 12 months or thereabouts, he did not serve under the said John Cleveland as a Dragoon in that 12 months Tour, though he served in the same Regiment and frequently saw him in that service & knows that he did Command the said Dragoon Company for that length of time, he further states that during his command of said Horse Company, he was married to his wife the mother of the aforesaid General Benjamin Cleveland, whose name was Catharine Montgomery, they were married in the County of Rowan, North Carolina, he further states that he was during all of his service in the war of the Revolution intimately and personally acquainted with the said John Cleveland and knows that he the said Cleveland was much in the service and that he rendered other service not here set out and which he cannot now minutely & positively described, he knows that he was the son of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and was an active and expert officer in the Army, he further states that he remained well acquainted with the said John Cleveland up to the time of his death – and was well acquainted with his family.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above

S/ Daniel Mosley, JP

S/ John Stonecypher, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$230 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending August 1, 1840, for the service of her husband as a Captain in the North Carolina militia.]