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Pension Application of William Love W956 Rachel Love SC
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State of Tennessee Smith County

On this fifth day of September 1839 Personally appeared before me James J Askew one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Rachel Love a resident of the county of Smith and State aforesaid aged about Sixty nine 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 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of William Love who was a soldier of the Revolution and in the various capacities as she is and was informed and believes of first as a volunteer then he enlisted as a regular soldier at the hanging Rock in South carolina his residence was near Camden in that State he was at the battle of Sullivan's Island [Sullivans Island, 28 - 29 Jun 1776] at the Utaw battle [Battle of Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781] at the battle of Kings mountain [7 Oct 1780] he served under Colonels Sumter [sic: Gen. Thomas Sumter] [Gen. Francis] Marion and [Benjamin] Cleveland and was a considerable time under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. She cannot say as to the Precise service because all his services took place before the marriage and before she became much acquainted with him he served as he frequently used to say in his life time During all the war and estimate it at seven years but this affiant cannot say or state particulars and must rely upon the proof she is able to make She further declares that she was married to the said William Love on the [blank] day of December 1787 Seventeen hundred & eighty Seven. That her husband the aforesaid William Love died on the 18th day of February eighteen hundred and twenty one that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four to wit at the time above mentioned

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year first above mentioned

Rachel herXmark Love

State of Tennessee Smith County

On this day [24 Oct 1840] personally appeared John Brandon a resident of the county aforesaid aged 76 years before me Thomas Dotson one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with William Love and his wife Rachel Love Previous to their marriage The said William Love was a Soldier of the Revolution and served in the following manner This affiant thinks his first service was in South Carolina and under an enlistment for how long he can not say but thinks he served the Period of time he engaged as he never heard otherwise but this affiant cannot state particularly about this part of his service. This affiant distinctly recolects that after he returned home from his first engagement he volunteered during the year seventeen hundred and eighty and was out during all the sumer of that year under General [Thomas] Sumter in tours of three months he served under Captain [John] McCool Barnett & Jameson [James Jamieson, pension application S21839] and others, was at the battle of ninety six [siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and Stono [Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779] also at the battle of Utaw Springs this affiant cannot state whether he was at the battles of Sulivans Island or not or whether he was at the battle of Kings Mountain But this affiant further will state that he went as a volunteer and joined the army in seventeen hundred and eighty one and was under General Green at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] but cannot state who were his officers This affiant distinctly recolects that Captain Jameson was wounded at the hanging Rock [6 Aug 1780] and that Captain Barnett was wounded at Rocky Mount [30 Jul 1780] he saw them in the Hospital at Charlotte North Carolina the battle of Camden or [Gen. Horatio] Gates Defeat took place shortly afterwards [16 Aug 1780]. All the men that were able to bear arms were out at that time in tours of three and six months and whenever their time was out they either had to volunteer again or else go to some remote place in order to be out of danger This

affiant was young at the time and had frequently to shift out of the way of the British and especially [Lt. Col. Banastre] Tarleton who was scouring the country This affiant thinks and believes most if not all the service in 1780 and 1781 were so far as regards William Loves services was under Colonel afterwards Genl Sumter the service under Genl Green was in North Carolina and this affiant cannot say how long This affiant can not say how long the enlistment was but as to the services of William Love as a volunteer Militiaman and also as drafted man in 1780 and 1781 was to the best calculation this affiant can make in actual service twelve months. The enlistment must have been long before as a man by the name of John Bird [possibly pension application S10372] was enlisted about the same time that Love was and Bird had served to the taking of Charleston [12 May 1780]

This affiant was Present and saw William Love and Rachel Love married they were married in Union County or district South Carolina on the banks of broad River they lived in Chester County and Come over the river to be married they were married by Colonel Brandon a Justice of the Peace They were married on the [blank] day of December seventeen hundred and eighty seven and that she the said Rachel Love has remained a widow ever since the death of the said William Love

[signed] John Brandon

State of Tennessee

Smith County

On this day [4 June 1841] personally appeared Rachel Love widow of William Love deceased before me William Exum one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Smith aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that in addition to her former Declaration she deposeth and says That her husband the said William Love served previous to the marriage with this affiant. She therefore states that the said William Love informed her and she believes the information to be true that he entered the services of the United States in the earley part of the war of the Revolution as an enlisted Soldier for two years and served out his time and during that service he was engaged in the battle of Sullivans Island near Charleston in South Carolina She is not able to say what were the names of the officers under whom he enlisted he was part of this time under the direction of the Governor of South Carolina she thinks his name Rutledge or Lincoln [John Rutledge Governor 1779-1782] and frequently in the last of the service he was under General Sumpter. He was in the battle of Savanah [siege of Savannah, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779] during this engagement; after this he engaged again in the regular service for fifteen months or he served fifteen months and she will not say which but this was the second enlistment In this enlistment he was under General Gates at the battle of Camdin he was also at the battle of Eutaw Springs and Hanging Rock he was under Colonels [Thomas] Brandon Sumpter and others during this engagement. He was also a tour or two in the military service in the latter part of the War of the Revolution She recolects his telling her that under each enlistment great particularity was taken in measuring his height and appearance he always told this affiant that he served throughout the war in the South and for this she claims a Pension

Rachel herXmark Love

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On this day [2 Sep 1841] personally appeared Arthur Brandon a citizen of Kentucky aged seventy five years before me Thomas Dotson one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was acquainted with William Love husband of Mrs Rachel Lover formerly Rachel McCool. Said William Love enlisted while he lived in Camden District & went to Charlestown under these circumstances he cannot state whether he served under Captains Montgomery or Adams but he served under Genl [Benjamin] Lincoln and served to the close of the war as well as this affiant recolects he might have served under other Captains but this affiant could not undertake to say. There was one other William Love who was a while in Service was taken by the british and while a prisoner enlisted on the British Side in order the better to escape and was after wards taken and served a short time under Genl Sumpter But the William Love first spoken of and whose widow is Rachel Love Served entirely in the South Carolina line or at least three years this affiant

became more acquainted with him after the war he wore part of his regular continental dress and was generally reputed to have served as a regular and further this deponent saith not
[signed] Arthur Bandon

NOTE: Hezekiah Love, son of William and Rachel Love, stated that a family record was enclosed with the pension application, but it was not found in the file.