I do Certify that I was well acquainted with Benjamin Pearce a revolutionary Soldier, that he inlisted under Thomas Gaines who was an ensign in the first Virginia State Regt. Commanded by Col. George Gibson [BLWt1985-500] for Three years that he served Two years and died in the Service at Hampton Virginia.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of November 1832.

Alexander hisXmark Shackelford [Alexander Shackelford S7506]
[certified in King and Queen County]

1833 June 9 The testimony of one witness only & that general Rejected