Declaration for a Widow who has never received Bounty Land

State of South Carolina County of Pickens: SS

On this 24th day of September 1857, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, (duly authorized by law to administer oaths), Mary Sutton, aged 88 years, a resident of Pendleton in the County and State aforesaid, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of William Sutton, deceased, who was a Private and Officer, in the company commanded by Captain -- name not recollected --, in the Regiment of -- not known -- commanded by Colonel __ in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain and served in the State of South Carolina. That her said husband entered the service of the United States at __ on or about the __ day of in the time of said war, for the term of __ and continued in actual service in said war for the term of at least 14 days, and was honorably discharged from said service as will appear by the Muster Rolls of said company, not having any knowledge of the manner of her said husband's discharge. She further states that she was married to the said William Sutton in the County of Barnwell State of South Carolina on or about the 10th day of December 1822, by John Whitty a magistrate, and that her name before her marriage was Mary Taylor, and her said husband died at Barnwell on the 18th day of November 1833, and that she is still a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the County Land to which she may be entitled under the Act approved March three, 1855, never having received County Land under this or any other act, nor made any other application for County Land except the present. Thos J. Hughes and A. J. Nicholas Esquires of Clarksville Georgia are hereby authorized to prosecute this my claim into received any warrant that may be issued thereon.

S/ Mary Sutton

[fn p. 15: on November 14, 1857 in Pickens District South Carolina, Robert L Miller, 85, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Sutton of Barnwell district in the State of]
South Carolina after the close of the revolutionary war "and has often heard him mention his hardships and exploits in Service in said war and say that he performed service in General Henderson's Brigade, both in the capacity of Private and Officer; and has often heard him speak of one Colonel Hunter as being an intimate friend of his during the time of said Service." The affiant also stated that William Sutton was recognized at public celebrations as a soldier of the revolution; that Sutton married Mary Taylor in Barnwell district on December 10, 1822; that they were married by one John Chitty a magistrate; and that William Sutton died November 10, 1833.

[fn p. 21: indents in the office of the South Carolina Comptroller Office show payments to a William Sutton as a private, Sergeant Major & Adjutant in General Henderson's brigade; specifically payments for eight days duty as a private, at 10 shillings per day; 12 days as a Sergeant Major at 15 shillings per day; and 18 days as Adjutant at 60 shillings per day from April 26 to June 3, 1782.]