State of Tennessee } On this 14th day of October 1851 personally appeared before the
Smith County } undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County & State
Thomas Watts aged fifty one years and made oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the
benefit of the provision of the Acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 & 3rd March 1843, 17th June 1844. That
he is the Administrator of his Mother Susan Watts Deceast who was the Widow of Bennett Watts late of
Jackson County State of Tennessee that his Father Bennett Watts as declarant allways understood from
him was a private Soldier from the State of Virginia in the Revolutionary war that he was an enlisted
Soldier either for Five years or during the war but declarant cannot state which nor can he state whether
he belonged to the State of Continental line of Virginia or the names of the offers under whom he served
but declarant distinctly Recollects that shortly after the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 his Father
the said Bennett Watts made out his declaration and papers for a Pension under said act of Congress,
which application was forwarded to Washington City by Genl Samuel Smith at this date his Father resided
in Jackson County Tennessee but which claim was not allowed but to which papers for all their
particulars in relation to his Fathers said service declarant now refers declarant further states that he
allways understood from his said Father and Mother the said Bennett and Susan Watts that they were
legally Married in Oglesboro [sic: Oglethorpe] County State of Georgia some time in the year seventeen
hundred and eighty eight that previous to the Marriage of declarants Mother that her name was Susan
Thornton that his Father the said Bennett Watts died in Jackson County Tennessee on the 2nd day of April
1825 that at the time of his death he left his said widow the said Susan Watts who survived him and still
remained his Widow until the 5th day of October 1839 when she died that at the time of her death she
left the following named children to wit Mary Roberts and affiant all of whom are still living and are the
only surviving children of her the said Susan Watts Deceased declarant further states, that agreeable to the
family record kept by his Father and Mother that Mary Watts desc first child was born on the [blank]
day of [blank] 1790 but which record has long since been lost and affiant cannot produce it that he has no
other documentary or record proof in support of his claim declarant therefore makes this declaration in
order to record[?] the amount of Pension that was due to his said Mother in her lifetime and which since
her death descends to her children.

Thomas his Xmark Watts