Virginia Upshur County: SS

On this 22nd day of May in the year of our Lord 1851, Personally appeared Robert Love in Open Court in the said County of Upshur (now in session) and in the State of Virginia, a resident of Meigs County in the State of Ohio aged fifty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress dated the 7th of July 1838, and the several Supplementary acts thereto, Act of the 3rd of March 1843, 17 June 1844; 2 February 1848 &c &c passed for the benefit of the Soldiers who served in the War of the Revolution the widows and children of the same &c he the said Robert Love declares himself to be one of the Children and heirs at law of William Love Deceased, together with five others Brothers and Sisters all children and heirs of the said William Love Deceased he further declares that the names of the other five children is as follows, to wit: Samuel, Charles, Rebecca, Eleanor and William who are now all living, and he further declares that his said Father William Love (from the best information that he is in the possession of) served as a Soldier in and during the Revolutionary War, that he was understood to have been attached to a Regiment of Light Horse or Dragoons, in the Virginia Continental line, but the No. of the Regiment to which he belong[ed], and the officers who commanded is not Recollected at so late a period, but was understood by the children to have Enlisted in the County of Shenandoah Virginia for, during the War, and served to the close of the same, he further declares that his Father and Mother are both dead, that about the year 1802 or three there Father became insane and was removed to the Lunatic Asylum at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia on the 28th day of April 1803, as will appear by the Certificate of the Superintendent of the said Asylum here with presented; and that he was understood to have lived some eight or 10 years in said Asylum and there died, and he said Robert further declares that his Mother Winford Love the widow of the said William, sometime after the Death of her said Husband removed from the County of Shenandoah to the County of Harrison and afterwards the County of Lewis was formed out of the same section of County and again the County of Upshur was formed, at which place the said Winford Love resides [sic] & remained a widow until her death which took place on the 27th day of December 1847 at the Residence of her daughter Rebecca; which will appear by the Testimony of Mr. John Maxwell here with annexed. He further declares that the said William & Winford Love were married in the County of Shenandoah in the said State of Virginia sometime in the year 1791, as will appear by the Testimony of Mr. William Bonifield of Ohio, here with presented, and further that Samuel Love is the Oldest child and Charles the next and so
on in the manner in which they are mentioned above and that Samuel is about 60 years of age, and that the Children always have understood that there Father had served as aforesaid and that they were entitled to a pension for the services of their Father as aforesaid, but having been brought up almost without Education and in Indigent Circumstances, and their father dying at so early a date has always prevented them from making and Application at an earlier period, and that they never have made and Application heretofore, or received anything whatever but it may be, that there Father has received his bounty land and disposed of it as it appears upon their Books of the general Land Office, that there was a Warrant Issued to Frances Graves assignees of William Love, on the 29th day of May 1792, he further declares that his Mother Winford Love's name before her said marriage to said Love, was Winford Carney, and further he declares that the reason that he did not make his declaration in the County in which he resided as Required by Law is that his mother died as before stated at the residence of her Daughter (now in said County of Upshur) and that he came in from the State of Ohio to the County of Upshur in Order to Administer On the Estate of his Mother, and also, to make out the declaration for the purpose aforesaid.

S/ Robert Love

[John Maxwell gave testimony that he remembers making a coffin for Ms. is Winford Love who died at the residence of her daughter Rebecca in Upshur County sometime in the month of December 1847]

[p 2: On March 26, 1851 in Muskingum County Ohio William Bonifield, Senior, it aged about 82, a resident of Hopewell Township in Muskingum County Ohio gave testimony that he was personally acquainted with William Love and Winford his wife when they resided in Shenandoah County as man and wife between 1791 in 1803; that William Love became deranged and was taken to Eastern Lunatic Asylum at Williamsburg; that he, the affiant, was present at the marriage of William Love to his wife Winford which ceremony was solemnized by the Reverend James Ireland on the bank of the Shenandoah River, the preacher having come over the River by canoe; that Winford's name before her marriage was Winford Corney [sic].]

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