Pension Application of Wade Hampton W10078
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On this thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty eight personally appeared before the undersigned Consul at the City of Paris in said Empire of France Mrs. Mary Hampton, temporarily residing in the Empire aforesaid, who is personally known to me as a Citizen of the State of South Carolina in the United States of America, who after being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the pension laws of the United States, namely the acts of 7th June 1832 and the Act of 29th July 1848, and such other Acts & resolutions of Congress of the United States of America, as may apply to the claim or claims for pension and arrears of pension. That she is the widow of the late General Wade Hampton deceased late of the District of Richland in the State of South Carolina in the United States of America aforesaid, and who, (according to the best knowledge & belief of this declarant, not having her said husband’s Revolutionary papers with her they being in South Carolina aforesaid) entered the service of the United States of America under the following circumstances & served as hereinafter stated in the Revolutionary War declared by the United States against the Kingdom of Great Britian, viz, That according to the information which this declarant has heretofore derived from her said husband and from other sources, her said husband was at the beginning of said war a resident of said State of South Carolina, and promptly took part in the defence of his country and was soon appointed Pay Master to one of the Continental Regiments of said State, in which capacity he served until after the fall of Charleston in said State, May [12] 1780, soon after which, in March or April in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty one, upon the raising of [Gen. Thomas] Sumter's Brigade of State Troops (Cavalry) was elected Colonel of one of the Regiments Brigade and was in active service as such from April 1781 to March 1782, and took a part with his Regiment of Cavalry in the various engagements with the enemy known as "Sumter's Rounds" to wit in the battles of Hanging Rock [6 Aug 1780], Rocky Mount [30 Jul 1780], Fish Dam Ford [9 Nov 1780], Blackstock's [20 Nov 1780] and Juniper Springs [18 Jun 1781] together with the celebrated battle at the Eutaw Springs in September [8] 1781, all of which were in the said State of South Carolina, and that her said husband continued to hold his Commission as Colonel in the Militia of South Carolina after March 1782 and was doubtless occasionally in the service after that period until peace was finally restored, and for further particulars of her said husband’s service this deponent respectfully refers to the proofs from records herewith & hereafter to be filed, and this declarant further declares that she is now 77 years of age; that she was married to the said General Wade Hampton on the 4th July day of 1801 at St Mathews in said State of South Carolina. That her said husband died on the 4th Feb’y day of Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and thirty five in said District of Richland in said State of South Carolina, & that since that time this Declarant has ever remained & now is his widow & that she makes this declaration having a family record showing the date of said marriage for the purpose above set forth

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
Henry W Spencer } [signed] Mary Hampton
United States Consul } United States Consul

On this twenty sixth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty personally appeared before me a magistrate in and for said District & State Mrs. Mary Hampton aged seventy seven years a resident of said District & State who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Brig. Gen’l. Wade Hampton deceased, who was a Brigadier General in the Regular Army of the United States in the
war declared by the United States against Great Britian the 18th day of June AD 1812. that her said husband was commissioned Brigadier General by James Madison President of the United States on the 9th day of May AD 1809 to take effect from 15 Feby 1809 as shown by his Commission & which position of Brigadier General her said husband held during the war until he was honorably discharged from said service all of which will appear by reference to the Records of the War Department. She further declares that she was married to the said General Wade Hampton in St. Mathews Orangeburg District State of South Carolina on the 4th July AD 1801 & that her said husband died in this District & State on the 4th February 1835, which facts of marriage & death are shown by her family Record, there being no public record of the same required by law of this State at the times stated – that her name before her said marriage was Mary Cantey and that she is still his widow. That she makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled as such widow, under the Acts of Congress of & relating to the war of 1812, or of 3d March 1855 & such other acts as may apply to her case & that for said services of her said husband she has not heretofore applied for or received any Bounty Land under the foregoing or any other acts of Congress. James A Black Esq Columbia South Carolina is duly authorized hereby to prosecute this claim & to receive any warrant which may be issued hereon. [signed] Mary Hampton