State of South Carolina, District of Beaufort

On this 21st day of April 1843 Personally appeared before me, Mrs. Susan Joyner, widow, formerly widow of John Grayson deceased, a resident of Beaufort in the District of and State aforesaid, Aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, and the 23rd of August 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war, that, she is the widow of John Grayson who was then Ensign and Lieutenant in Colonel Roberts’ Regiment of Artillery South Carolina line and served therein under arms as Deponent believes two years during the war of the revolution, Deponent says she can not name the places at which he served, but she has reason to believe that he served wherever of the Regiment served from the beginning of the year 1777 to the surrender of Charleston in May 1780, when he was made a prisoner of war, and so detained until he was regularly and exchanged. Deponent refers for these services to the record of the Bounty land, and Commutation pay paid him on account of said Services, and to the proof hereto annexed, She also declares that, she was married to the said John Grayson on the ninth day of October 1787 and that her husband the aforesaid John Grayson died on the __ day of September 1797. That, she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to 1 January 1794, viz., at the time above stated. She further declares that after the death of her husband aforesaid, she was married to William Joyner on the __ day of September 1798 -- that he died on the 24th day of December 1834 and that she is still a widow.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ Jno M Baker, Magistrate       S/ Susan Joyner

I certify that the following record is on the Public Register of St. Helena Parish viz. "Grayson William John, son of John and several, married by the Reverend Mr. Lewes, 9th October 1787 to Greene Susannah."

S/ Thos. O. Barnwell, Warden
St. Helena church Beaufort
Jos. R. Walker, Rector

[facts in file: William J. Grayson applied on March 17, 1826 for bounty land on account of his father’s Revolutionary war services; applied on behalf of himself and the other heirs at law (not named) of his father; he was granted 200 acres of land; Widow died March 4, 1854]