State of Illinois Franklin County

On this the ninth day of December 1843 personally appeared before me an acting justice of the Peace in the County of Franklin & State aforesaid Tabatha Ferrell a resident of the State of Illinois in the County of Franklin aged Seventy Eight 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 act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows -- That she is the widow of James Ferrell who was a Private in the Revolutionary war who was drafted and enlisted in Captain McCrory's [James McCrory] Company of the 9th Regiment on the 16th December 1777 for three years -- in the second place he was drafted under Captain Donoho [Thomas Donoho] of the 10th Regiment and enlisted on the 21st October 1783 for one year, he enlisted in Wake County North Carolina Robert Maben [Robert Mebane] was his Colonel.  He was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781], as a soldier.  I was married to James Ferrell on the 15th day of June 1784 in Granville County in North Carolina by Leonard Bullock an acting Justice of the Peace and that we lived together until his death which was on the 25th day of January 1812 in Sumner County & State of Tennessee -- And furthermore that I have never been married to any other person and that we were united previous to the year 1794 -- to wit on the 15th day of June 1784, as stated.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 9th day of December 1843.

S/ Tabatha Ferrell, X her mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the day & year above written.

S/ Thomas J. Waters, JP

[p 7: On September 17, 1844, in Pike County Indiana Thomas Ferrell made oath that he was the son of James and Tabatha Ferrell; that his mother never intermarried after the death of his father and that his father James Ferrell died January 25, 1812.

[handwritten] Thomas Ferrell

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Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby
certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that James Ferrell a private Soldier in Captain McCrory's Company of the 9th Regiment, entered the service on the 16th day of December 1777 for the term of 3 years, and that he was a Corporal in January 1778, private in June 1778. That he entered the service again 25th May 1781 for 12 months in Captain Donoho's Company of the 10th Regiment and left the service 25th May 1782 private. Given under my hand this 2nd day of November 1844. He served the 12th [sic] months as a private

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State and

[p 10, copy of a marriage bond dated June 15, 1784, given by James Ferrel, X his mark, to secure his marriage to Tabitha Hayes, attested by Bennet Searcey in Granville County, NC]

[p 17: On October 4, 1844, in Franklin County Illinois, Tabatha Ferrell, aged 79, again made application substantially in the same form as her prior application for a widow's pension. She appears to have signed her own name “Tabitha Ferrel”

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of $82.08 for her husband's service as a private and Cpl. in the North Carolina Continental line.]