State of Tennessee  
Grainger County  

on this 30th day of May 1833 personally appeared before me David McEnally one of the acting Justices in and for the County aforesaid John F Iams, aged about sixty eight years resident of said county and state who being first duly sworn according to Law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 that he Enlisted in the army of the united states in the year 1780 in the first Maryland State Regiment commanded by Col’n Peter Adams, his Captains name was James Woolford Gray. That he enlisted at annapolis [sic: Annapolis] and was marched from annapolis to philadelphia [sic: Philadelphia] and served[?] at philadelphia from seven to nine weeks from philadelphia he was marched back to annapolis from annapolis he was marched to York town in Virginia and arrived at Yorke some two or three weeks before the surrender of Cornwallis [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] in the course of the winter after the taking of Cornwallis he was marched through Virginia and through North Carolinea and to a place in South Carolina on ashly River called the Round O where he joined General Green [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene at Round O SC, about 30 mi W of Ashley River] from the Round O he was marched to an other place on ashly River cal’d the pond ponds [sic: Ponpon about 50 mi W of Ashley River] at which place he stayed a considerable time and in the latter part of the year 1783, as he thinks he was marched backe to annapolis under a Major whose name he cannot now recollect by Coln. Adams and Capt. Gray both with a great part of the regiment went from South Carolinea to Maryland by water from annoples he was marched to Fredricktown [Frederick] from fredricktown he was march back to annapolis both of which marching was done under a Serjent whos name was John Neary when he was returned to annapolis from fredricktown he was discharged by Captain James W. Gray the Capt. He first enlisted under after being in the united states service upward of three years, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is to on the pension rol of any agency in any state Ques. Where were you born  I was born in Princ George [sic: Prince Georges] County in the state of Maryland but in what year I do not know but I believe I am sixty seven or sixty eight years old Qus. have you any record of your age and if so where is it I have no record of my age  I onst [once] got my house burnt in which I lost the record of my age Qus. where were you living when you enlisted and where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live Answ. I lived in Prince George County in the state of Maryland when I enlisted after the war I lived in pitselvania [sic: Pittsylvania] County in the state of Virginia from pitselvania I moved to Welks [sic: Wilkes] County in the state of Georgia. I then moved to Hawkins County in the state of Tennessee and for the last twenty years I have lived in Grainger County in the state of Tennessee where I now live Name some of the field officers with whom you was acquainted  I knew Major Egelston [Major Egleston?] General Gass [sic: Mordecai Gist] and Gen’l Green and Coln. Stuart [sic: John Stewart] who was kill’d by the fall from a horse at Charlestown State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neibourhood and who can testify and who can testify as to your charrector for veracity and there bealef of your serves as a soldier in the Revolution  Gen. John Cocke  Coln Thomas Whiteside  David McAnally sen’r Esq’r. John Ogan and Ryal Jennings  

Sworn to and subscribed before me David McAnally Jun’r. one of the acting Justices in and for the County aforesaid this day and date aforesaid John F his mark Iams
Dear sir [Hon. Samuel Bunch] I made out a declaration for a pension for John Iams and it is return’d for want of more evidence. His evidence is not in this country. He wishes me to write to you on the subject and wishes you to take some steps in the course of this winter to get the evidence of his enlistment and services and attend to his papers. If you can get him a pension he will amply reward you for your trouble. I shall send his papers with this letter. His evidence he says is in Annandel [sic: Anne Arundel] County (Maryland) 18 or 20 miles from W. [Washington] City whose names are = Reason Gater & sons, Seth Gater & sons, Philip Hammon Thomas Mallet & sons John Hall William Woodward, Joshua Gater & sons. These men did live near the road leading from Bledensburgh to Annapolis [sic: Bladensburg to Annapolis] – in Prince George Cty there are Christopher Hiett & sons Humphrey Beckett Joseph Isaac, Samuel Evens Loyd Iams William Iams Richard Iams = his Brother William Iams Elisha Green Fredrick Clerk Richard Whitehead – Edward Whitehead Thomas Iams and John Iams. His name he says is John Fredrick Iams but on the rolls it may be John or Fredrick as he was some time cal’d by John and some times by Fredrick and as he is not a schooler he knows not by which name he was enrolled. If you could find any means to procure the testimony you would render an old Reve’y solder a great service. I have also sent my fathers [David McAnaly, pension application W966] and Andrew Elders [R3278] Declaration on to the Sety. at War. If you will lend your aide in doing for them what you think is right it will be thankfully rec’d. You know both the men and you know wheather you think they war Revolutionery soldiers or not. I think my fathers papers are clear but Mr Elders I think is doubtfull but no doubt remains with aney that knows him but his statement is true – it is the best I can do for him. Attend too them if you please. Your success in this business you will communicate to me in a letter to beans [sic: Beans] station P.O. Yours Respect’y [signed] C. Mcanally

NOTE: On 7 Oct 1844 Mary Iams, 80, of Grainger County TN, applied for a pension stating that she married John Frederick Iams in 1789, and he died on 24 Jan 1839. Elizabeth Harvey, 73, stated that John Frederick Iams married Mary Johnson in Oglethorpe County GA.