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Wilbanks, William
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Name also appears as Woolbanks and Woodbanks

State of Georgia }
Cherokee County } Before me personally appeared Hosea
Melbanks, who is an old, respectable and truthful citizen of
the County and State aforesaid, and after being duly sworn accord-
ing to law, makes oath that he is, according to the best information
he can get, seventy seven years old, that he is the son of William
and Abanilla Melbanks, who formerly lived in Union District
South Carolina; and his mother Abanilla Melbanks, whose maiden
name was Abanilla Gofett, now lives in Pickens District S. C.
and is yet the widow of his father, ~~the said William Melbanks,~~
never having married since the death of his father the said
William Melbanks, which took place on the twenty second day of
December 1797, that he was a small boy during the Revolutionary
war, that he was probably ten or twelve years of age, that
he very well recollects very ~~one~~ many scenes which took place
during the said war, and that his father the said William Melbanks
served in the Revolutionary War: that of course he did not
see him in the service, ~~but~~ he was ^{very small of his age and} too young to be in it himself,
but seen him start for that purpose, and knows he was absent
for several years, and says by all to be in the war, he is
certain that his father aforesaid must have served at least
three years in actual service, as he was absent on the war
off and on five or six years; occasionally at home during
the time, but remaining at home but a very short space
of time at once; during the absence of his father aforesaid,
himself, his brother Marshall (who was older than himself) and
his mother, worked hard in the farm to make a support,
his mother ploughing the brother & himself hoeing. - He cannot
recollect all about the separate trips and tours which his
father served, nor all the officers under which he served,
recollects however that he served under a Capt. Moses White,
Capt. William Young, Capt. Fair or Farr, Lieutenants James
Arlington - and thinks he was all, or most of the time in the
Regiments commanded by Col. Thomas Brandon.

Capt. Farr or Fair was afterwards Colonel.

He recollects very well too, to have been much troubled with the Tories, had to keep their corn hid out in small quantities in different places, and frequently had things taken; once he was himself slayed pretty severely with a sword by a Tory who ordered him to bring water for him & ordered his mother to take him & his company some bread.

His Father had a ~~very~~ large likely black Horse & two mares with yearling colts; all ^{of which} were pressed into the service, but the colts, which were their only dependence for making their crops, going to mill &c. - the Horse & one of the mares, he never got again; ~~one~~ ^{other} of the mares he got again in a year or two, she recollects she had a cut on her neck supposed to have been made with a sword, ^{which was for some time running down} ~~supposed to be~~ his Father never got any thing for the Horse & mare which he lost, to his knowledge. His Father was in the Skirmish at Blackstocks Ford on Tyger River, at the siege at Ninety Six, & assisted in ditching & building the Block House at that place. He thinks he was also in the Battle of Burton Spring & King Mountain. He has been informed by his Father, previous to his death, of many other things which might be of service in this matter of the applications of his Mother for a Pension, but cannot with such short notice recollect more than what is above stated, which from recollection & information are to the best of his knowledge true.

Sworn to and subscribed

before me, 13th January 1845

Geo^W Williamson

Joseph Williams

South Carolina } Before me personally appeared Joseph
Union District } Gopett an old and truthful citizen
of said District, and made Oath in due form of Law, that when
he was a Boy of about 10 or 12 years old, his Father & Mother
lived in Bute County, S.C. which is since divided into Franklin &
Warren Counties, that his oldest Sister Abanella, at the age of about
18 or 20 years, he thinks, about the year 1774 or 1775, was published
in Church as was then the custom, to be married to William
Milbanks, and on a certain morning shortly afterwards, went off
to the House of one Couple, about 4 miles distant, who was a
Minister of the High Church, to be married to the said William
Milbanks, which he has no doubt was accordingly done, as that
was what was said and understood, by all whom they attended
and they afterwards always lived together as man & wife & should
drew, he did not see them married, but he just a good
reason to believe they were as if he had seen it done & was
not doubted by any one but that they were legally married.
The said William Milbanks lived in that County only until the
next Fall, and then he and his wife moved to Union District
S.C. in the neighborhood where this deponent now lives, and
he supposes from rumors throughout the country & from what he
has heard from the old citizens of the country, the said William
Milbanks, entered the service and served in the Revolutionary
War. he is not positive as to the year in which his sister
Abanella Gopett was married to the said William Milbanks
but is sure it was before the War commenced in the part
of the country in which he resided. The above facts stated
are as near as he can recollect true, and he understands
his sister the said Abanella Milbanks, is yet living in Pickens
District in this State & is making an effort to get a Pension
Thereon to and subscribed before me

this 18th December 1844.

Joseph Gopett

Matthew Myers magt
Union District

South Carolina } Before me personally appeared Nicholas
 Union District } Gopett an old and truthful citizen of
 said District, and made oath in due form of law, that he has
 and was ~~born~~ raised in Franklin County formerly Beute County North
 Carolina, with his father & family, that his sister Abanilla
 Gopett, was published in Church to be married to William Wil-
 bank, and was married to him by a Scotch Minister of the high
 Church, by the name of ^{the} Couple, who lived about four miles
 from his father, that he did not see them married, but
 is just as confident of it as if he had seen it, as he was
 at home when they started to get married returns saying
 they were married, and all believed it, & no one ever doubts
 but that they were lawfully married - the said Mr. Wilbank,
 moved the next Fall to this District near where this deponent
 now lives, and as he understands died there, and his sister Mrs.
 Abanilla Wilbank, afterwards moved to Pickens District in
 this State where he understands she is still living - she
 is about six years older than this deponent & he thinks he
 is near 90 years of age - He does not recollect the precise
 date of the marriage of said Mr. Wilbank to his sister, but
 thinks it was in 1774 or 1775 and is positively certain it
 was before the Revolutionary War commenced in the part of
 the country where he resided - He also understands from
 the old citizens about here, that the said William Wilbank,
 did serve in the Revolutionary War after he came to South
 Carolina for two years or upwards, as a good Whig, and
 he fully believe, it to be so, as he has heard it talked of
 by many and never heard it doubted by any one...

Sworn to 18th December 1844 before

Matthias Myers Just
 in and for District

Nicholas Gopett
 mark

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Know all men by these presents, That I, Jesse Henry West
of the County of Cherokee and State of Georgia, and one who
~~of the children and legal representatives of~~ William Millbanks a Revolutionary
soldier, and Abilla Millbanks his wife, who is now deceased, do hereby, irrevocably,
constitute and appoint J. T. Kelly, of Washington, my true
and lawful Attorney, for me, and in my name, to examine into and prosecute any claim that may
be due, or found to be due, the children and legal representatives of William Millbanks
and Abilla Millbanks his wife ~~deceased~~ in virtue of said William Millbanks service
in the Revolutionary war, and the several acts and resolutions of Congress relative thereto, and that
might have accrued to either of the said parties, and not drawn during their lifetime, and now due
to their legal representatives, and to receive the certificate of Pension, &c., when issued by the
Department: I hereby confirming whatsoever my said attorney may do, or cause to be legally done,
either in person or by substitution, in the prosecution of said claim, except drawing money on the
said claim; I revoking any other authority I may have given to any other person or persons in the
premises whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this

4th day of April, 1854

Signed in presence of Jesse Henry West
Ira R. Foster J. P. Jesse Henry West



STATE OF Georgia
County of Cherokee }
} Sci.

On this 4th day of April, in the year 1854, personally
appeared before me, Jesse Henry West, and acknowledged the within Power
of Attorney to be his act and deed.

Jesse Henry West J. P.

Declaration.

In Order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 4th July 1836.

State of South Carolina $\frac{E}{2}$
District of Pickens $\frac{E}{2}$

On this seventh day of January 1845, personally appeared before William D. Steele Esq. Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District and State aforesaid, Mrs. Abigail Melbank, (who is unable by bodily infirmity to attend in open Court) a resident of the same District and State, aged as near as she can ascertain about ninety eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, in her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of William Melbank, who was a private in the War of the Revolution, and who entered the service under Captain Moses White, about, as she thinks, in the ^{1778 or} year 1779, she thinks, in the month of October or November, as it was cool weather, and not long after crops were ripe. he was at home sometimes, but not often, he served also under Captain William Young in Col. Thomas Brandon's Regiment, that they then lived in Union District S.C. that he marched much through North and South Carolina war in Sherman's, at Murgrove; Ford on Grove, and Blackstock, Ford on Tegen. that he marched to the ten mile House near Charleston, that she thinks five years, but certainly not less than four years, off & on, he was absent a long time, and she made three crops, without him; herself and her little Boys; and had much trouble with the Tories, during the absence of her husband, and laboured hard to make a support - the Tories threw down her fence, after she had to put

them up herself with her little Boys who were very young ^{to do such labour} & small, they also killed her Hogs & Cattle and destroyed every thing about the place. very often raping and committing all kinds of depredations, all of which she had to suffer with her little children unprotected. at one time during the war herself and brother-in-law went to where the army was encamped (she thinks at Culpeper) and begged to let her husband go home to save his small grain, which was granted by an Officer who seemed to have command, but she cannot now recollect his name, he however treated her very well & granted her request, was called to his duties but would not go until he had waited on her, seeing she appeared to be in distress. Her husband went home & attended to his harvest & then very soon returned to the service. He served in the war with his Brother Gilliam Wilbanks, Isaac Barnett, Jacob Barnett, James Putnam, John Sparks & Charles White all of whom are now dead, Jacob Barnett was killed in the Battle of King Mountain.

She lived with her Father in Rute County N. C. and was published in Church to be married to William Wilbanks, and was to him married as she thinks before the year 1774, tho' she cannot recollect positively what time it was, tho' she is positively certain it was before the war commenced in that part of the country. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Union District in this State, where her husband entered the service. She had three children at the time of his entering, viz. Marshall, Rosa and Joseph; the oldest and youngest of which is now dead. Her husband was taken sick at M. Good's Ferry during the war and returned home until he recovered and

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