

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Rawleigh Downman: BLWt 1917-300
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State of Virginia}
Southampton County} S.S.

I Robert L Downman of Southampton County Virginia a son of Robert P. Downman dec'd who was a son of William Downman a brother of the late Lieutenant Colonel Rawleigh Downman of Dinwiddie County, State of Virginia, do upon oath testify and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Rawleigh Downman was a Lieutenant Colonel in the late Revolutionary War. he served as a Captain in the Georgia Line and being deranged commanded certain Virginia Troops on Continental establishment to the end of the War and I do further declare that I have never received nor do I believe there ever had been received any warrant from the United States for the quantity of Land due the said deceased nor do I believe the said Downman transferred his right to any person during his life time. Therefore Know all men by these presents that I Robert L. Downman one of the heirs at Law of the late Rawleigh Downman do hereby constitute and appoint John Metcalf of Fredericksburg Virginia my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to demand and recover from the Secretary of War of the United States for the time being a warrant for the quantity of Land due in right of the deceased - and to ask for and demand and secure any Lands that may be due the said deceased from the State of Georgia and all pay or commutation of pay or any other claim due to the said deceased from the said United States. And my said Attorney I do hereby fully authorise and empower to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or Attornies under him to act with like powers for the special purpose herein expressed and the same to revoke at will-

In Witeess whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of November 1832.

[signed] Robert L Downman

State of Virginia
Corporation of Fredericksburg To wit-

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the Corporation aforesaid Joshua Long and John Layton both credible and disinterested persons who being duly sworn did depose and say, that they verily believed that Lieut. Colo. Rawleigh Downman named in the within declaration signed by Robert L Downman served in the Georgia and Virginia line during the Revolutionary war as in said declaration set forth, that they have understood and believe he died about thirty one years since viz in or about the — day of — 1801 at — within the County of Dinwiddie without issue and leaving a widow who also died without issue. that he left a brother named William and two sisters Elizabeth & Mildred. That William Downman had three children Viz Robert P. Downman of Sussex County Virginia who died leaving a widow & nine children, Viz John W, Robert L, Henry M, Lucy A, Gustavus A, Sally C, & Rawleigh P [next two interlined] Martha J and Eliza A and two Daughters Agness and Elizabeth. Agness now Agness Blunt is alive in Sussex County - Elizabeth is dead but has left two sons William D Hood and John R Hood both living in Sussex County Virg'a Mildred Downman married a certain Thos Ball of Lancaster Cty where she had the following children Viz't

Geo Ball of Gloucester County Virg'a now dead left 4 Children W. T Ball, Porteus Ball & — & — Edw'd P Ball now living in Campbell County Kentucky

Elizabeth P. Ball dec'd of Northumberland County Virginia left the following children viz't Ann P Bailey Louisa McAdam Juliet Beane Albert Ball and two grand children (by two daughters now now dead) Harriet Ball & Sarah Gardener[?]

Nancy Ball of of Campbell County Kentucky who married a Mr Damron & both now dead & left the following heirs Mary & Edward of Campbell County Kentucky Josep[h] & Louisa of Clermont County Ohio

Mildred Ball of Gloucester County Virg'a now dead had two husbands - Mr Hall & a Mr Brumly - had the following child viz't Mary Hall who married Samuel D Pullin and he is the only

heir of s'd Mildred
Mary T Ball who married a Hall dead left Mary, George, Maria J and Sarah C Hall
Elizabeth Downman the other sister married Stokely Towles by whom she had
the following heirs
Porteus Towles of Lancaster County Virg'a now dead left 5 children viz't William, Mary, James,
Porteus, & Oliver
William P. Towles living in Howard County Missouri
Elizabeth M Hughs ditto ditto
Mildred Ellis Spotsylvania County Virginia
Ann Threlkeld ditto ditto
Thomas Towles dec'd of Spots'a Cty Va left Thomas Robert Francis Catharine & Julian
Rawleigh Downman Towles Woodford County Kentucky
and these the above named persons are all the heirs known or believed to be now living -
Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of December 1832 Tho. Goodwin Major