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Pension application of John White R11426
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State of Tennessee Hardin County

Be it known, that on this the 17th day of October 1851, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Levi Shelby, a resident of said County & State, aged fifty-six years (with whom I am well acquainted and who, I certify to be a man of veracity and respectability) and made the following Declaration in order to obtain for the surviving children of John White deceased the Pension which was due him under Act of Congress of June 7th 1832,

That he, the said Levi Shelby is the Administrator of John White deceased who was a Revolutionary Soldier from the State of North Carolina, as Declarant always understood both from the said John White and from others, That he has often heard the said John White saith that he served in the troops of the State of North Carolina under the command of a Captain Gwinn, but does not know how long he served, although he believes it was for a considerable length of time, nor does he know of from what County in North Carolina the said John White went into the service, but thinks it was from Mecklenburg County. Declarant recollects having heard the said John White tail of a skirmish in which he, and others, were engaged but does not now remember where it occurred, that he does not recollect the names of any battles in which the said John White was engaged. That at an early day the said John White removed from the State of North Carolina to Georgia and from Georgia to the State of Tennessee, and finally settled in Hardin County, Tennessee, to wit about the year 1818, where he continued to live until the day of his death, which took place on the 2nd day of January 1841, that he always understood from the deceased he married Rebecca Cathey in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, which must have taken place about the year 1785 as his oldest child Samuel White is now about sixty-five years of age, That he and the said Rebecca lived together as man and wife and were so reputed up to the date of her death, which took place in the year 1831 in Hardin County Tennessee, that after her death, he did not again marry but remained single up to the date of his death, that he left the following and only surviving children to wit, Samuel White, and Andrew White, (who reside in Henderson County Tennessee), James White (who resides in Giles County Tennessee) Benjamin White (who lives in the State of Texas) George White (who lives in the State of Missouri) Polly Oglesby (formerly Polly White) who resides in Smith County Tennessee, and Rebecca Shelby (formerly Rebecca White) and Margaret Shelby (formerly Margaret White) both of whom now

reside in Henry County Tennessee. Declarant further makes oath that the said John White was always reputed and generally believed to have been a Revolutionary Soldier from the State of North Carolina, that he knew him well from the year 1818 or 1819 to the day of his death and that he has often heard him say that he would never applied for a Pension as he had always been able to live without it, but that he was entitled to one, as he could prove by his Captain Gwinn.

S/Levi Shelby

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written S/R. S. Church, JP