



was acquainted with John Gaston Deceased husband of the applicant for the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 the now a widow Jannet Gaston, previous to the revolution war. That before the marriage of the said John Gaston and Jennet Knox they lived on fishing Creek Chester County State of South Carolina, they were married the fall of 1768. That the said John Gaston Deceased was a private in the mounted Militia under Captain McClure and the fighting Commenced sometime in the year 1774 and '75. That the first campaign was the Snowy Camps that after performing several routes they were regularly organized under General Sumter, before the Battles of Rocky Mount and Hanging-rock. That the said John Gaston was in those Battles and was a faithful soldier and a true Whig till the close of the war. That the said John Gaston had 3 Brothers killed and one wounded in that war and was once robbed by the British and Tories of nearly all their property. That the witness made their house his home from the organization of Sumter until after the war. That the said John Gaston has been dead about 20 years and that the applicant the widow Jannet Gaston of Jefferson County State of Illinois is the widow of the said John Gaston Deceased and never has been married again to any other person whatever.

S/ William Gaston, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the 22nd day of August 1836 before.

S/ Josiah Fiske, JP