On this 17th day of September 1840 personally appeared before one Archelaus H. Carter a justice of the Peace in and for said county Sarah Hanby resident of the county of Patrick and state of Virginia aged eighty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Jonathan Hanby of that part of Henry County now Patrick in Virginia, who was a Captain of Militia in the Army of the Revolution, and that he at the head of his company made several excursions against the Tories who infested the country lying along the Yadkin river and its tributaries on both sides of the border of Virginia and North Carolina and the country near and upon the Blue ridge of Mountains at and about the point at which the mountains cross the said state line. That as near as she can recollect it was in the summer and fall of the year 1780 that her said husband marched commanding his company in pursuit of the Tories who rendezvoused at the home of one Hedgepeth in the Hollow on the Arrarat [sic: Ararat River] and the branches of the Yadkin river and scouring the country there abouts in pursuit of them and from point to point down the Arrarat river in the State of North Carolina to Old Richmond Town, now called Surry Old Courthouse or Old Town on the Yadkin river at which place he and his company aided in the capture of some tories that he was in actual service during this expedition above reffered to at least two months. That he was called out or volunteered this affiant does not recollect which but she recollects well that it was a very important service to repel the invasions of the Tories who were committing almost daily depredations on the Whigs by stealing their slaves, horses, and other property and driving off their stock. But from her advanced age and consequent loss of memory she cannot state the names of the field officers under whom her husband served or the regiment to which he was attached. In fact she can barely refer to the time he was from home from the strong impression left in her mind produced by his absence in those times of peril and danger.

This affiant would further state that some time in the month of March in the year 1781 her husband the said Jonathan Hanby paraded his company in the County of Henry in the State of Virginia (that part of Henry now Patrick) and took the line of march again, to go to the aid of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in the State of South Carolina. he and his company being drafted as she was informed and march off immediately through the County Surry in North Carolina (that part now Stokes [formed from Surry County in 1789]) crossing at the Shallow ford of the Yadkin, through Rowan and other counties in North Carolina into South Carolina where he joined General Greens Army at Ninety-Six [Ninety Six SC]. That this affiant felt great solicitude about her husband during the Siege of Ninety Six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] from the frequent rumors and reports of [three illegible words] between the Americans and British during that long [illegible word] siege and kept in a constant state suspense about her husband whilst he was in that siege and contending with the British at other points and continuing until his return home to Virginia which was in the month of September in the same year (1781) That in the last mentioned tour she is satisfied that her husband was in actual service at least four months. That on husbands return he related the circumstances of the Siege of Ninety-Six and other [illegible word] with the British which he had during the said tour to the South. She heard him speak of Lord Rawdon’s arrival with a corps reinforcement of the British compelling her husband and the rest of Genl. Greens Army to raise the siege and fly. She heard him speak of Genl. Green, Col. [Henry] Lee of the Light horse and other field officers but owing to the loss of her memory as aforesaid she can not state many of their names except Major Ward from Va. [John Ward of Bedford County] or the regiment in which her husband and his company fought or were attached. She would therefore beg that the affidavit of William Going [pension application W7546] who was one of her husbands men, be referred to  also the affidavit...
of James Boyd [S12269] and the Declarations of the said Going and Boyd now on file in the War Department. That she has no Documentary evidence to which she can refer. The discharges of her husband have been mislaid or lost.

Her Husband the said Jonathan Hanby resided in that part of Henry County now Patrick in the State of Virginia anterior to the Revolutionary War and resided there until his death. That he march from the last mentioned place upon every tour which he performed. She further declares that she was married to the said Jonathan Hanby on the sixth day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine, and that her said husband died on the twenty-sixth (26th) day of March 1817, aged 76 years. and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first herein written before me}

A. H. Carter J Peace}
Witness J. D. Cheatham Wm. Carter Sarah herXmark Hanby

State of Virginia } ss
Patrick County }  js
this day [14 July 1840] James Boyd of the County of Patrick aged 78 years personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to law depoeth and sayeth that he was acquainted with Jonathan hanby of the County of Patrick and State of Virginia in time of Revolutionary war – that he saw said Hanby in the Service of his country at Richmond Surry old Court house North carolina, and at headspeaths in Virginia [the Tory Hedspeth’s or Hedgepeth’s in present Patrick County] but how long the said Hanby continued in the service this deponant does not know but he believes he was two months at least at the two above mentiond places this deponant cant say whether the said Hanby at the time above spoken of was an officer or privat this reponant states that he has been acquainted with said Hanby ever since the revolutionary war and knows him to have been the reputed Husband of Sarah Hanby his widowe

State of Virginia } SS
Patrick County }  js
this day [14 July 1840] Elihu Ayres [Elihu Ayers, pension application R335] of the county aforesaid aged Eighty years and after being duly sworn according to law Depoeth and Sayeth, that in time of the revolutionary war he had a slight acquaintance with Captain Jonathan Hanby the state of Virginia and for the last fifty years untill the death of the said Hanby he has been personally acquainted with him often heard him state his said Hanby’s services in the revolution his going as commissary to the Long Islands of Holsten [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] and a Captain to 96 as captain as a Company of a militia as well from the statements of said Hanby as from the report of others this deponant is bound to believe that said hanby was a Captain in the revolution and performed services for his Country

State of Virginia – Patrick County S.S.
This day [3 Aug 1840] personally appeared before me William Carter a justice of the Peace in and for said county William Going who was a soldier in the arm of the Revolution aged seventy-nine years, and now a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, resident in the County of Surrey [sic: Surry] in the State of North Carolina, who being first sworn upon the Holy evangelist of Almighty God
says that he this affiant was drafted in the company of Capt. Jonathan Hanby in that part of the county of
Henry State of Virginia which now constitutes Patrick County, in the latter part of the month of March
1780, and the said Hanby marched off immediately with his company to join Gen’l. Green at Niney Six
in South Carolina. And this affiant not being furnished with necessary equipment wasted a day or two,
and went on crossing Dan river at the Red Shoals passing near Salem (where they had the small pox) and
overtook Capt Jonathan Hanby and his Compay in the march a short distance south of the Yadkin river
near Saulisbery [sic: Salisbury] in the state of North Carolina, and the Hanby and his company marched
on across the Cawtawbaw river [sic: Catawba River] near the lands then possed by the Catahawai [sic: Catawba] Indians, thancse across Broad River in South Carolina and on to “ninety-six” in South Carolina
where said Hanby and his company arrived some three or four weeks before the Siege was raised. Capt
Hanby and his company were placed under Gen’l Green in the Battalion of Major John Ward of
Campbell County Virginia the number of the Regiment and the commandant thereof not recollected by
this affiant. But this affiant recollects Col. Washington and Henry Lee of the Light horse and Col Daniel
Morgan of the rifle men were at Ninety-Six and that this affiant saw them frequently there. [sic: see endnote] This affiant returned home to Henry County Virginia during fodder getting the first of
September in the same year 1780 having left Capt. Hanby near Broad river where this affiant was
detailed to guard a mill. It not being deemed necessary this affiant did not guard the Mill as he intended
when he seperated from his Capt (Jonathan Hanby) at Broad river with Gen’l. Green and his army, he set
out for Virginia where he arrived some time before he saw Capt Jonathan Hanby whom he had left with
Gen’l. Greens army as before stated. As well as this affiant recollects that this affiant worked on the
intrenchments which surrounded the British who had forted in at “ninety-six” and that it was confidently
expected that the Americans would capture the British until they were driven off and compeled to raise
the siege on account of the approach of Lord Rawdon with a reinforcment of the British army from
Charleston. This affiant having lived at Capt. Jonathan Hanbys a short time doing some carpenters work,
before he and said Hanby went into the service hereinbefore stated, knows that he the said Hanby was
married and living with Sarah Hanby his wife now his widow in the county of Patrick, who is an
applicant for a pension before the said service was rendered. William hisXmark Going
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3d day of August 1840/ Wm. Carter J. Peace

Patrick County State of Virginia to wit
This day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County
aforesaid William Carter [W3385] and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with
Jonathan Hanby, that he though small was present at the wedding when said Jonathan Hanby was married
to his wife Sarah that he has been acquainted with him since untill the death of said Hanby and that in the
time of the Revolution this affiant was repeatedly at the house of the said Jonathan Hanby who was a
Captain of a company of Militia that he understood and believes that said Hanby was at the Seige of
Ninety six, that said Hanby has frequently told this affiant of the engagements he had with the British at
ninety six and that Lord Rawden came on from Charleston and reinforced the enemy and drove Gen
Green and his army and pursued them to Broad River, and that this affiant well recollects that he served a
tower of duty for the term of three months against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1777 and that said
Hanby was with him at that time and that he acted as Commissary for the Soldiers That he also recollects
that Captain Hanby was in the Borders of N. Carolina with a party of whigs endeavoring to free that
Country from the Tories. Given under my hand this 17th day of Sept 1840. William hisXmark Going
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3d day of August 1840/ Wm. Carter J. Peace

State of Virginia  }  
County of Patrick  }
this personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid
William Cloud Esq [W5247] aged ninety one years who being first duly sworn according to law
deposest and sayeth that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Hanby deceased in time of the
Revolutionary war and was one of his Lieutenants in time of the war and knows the said was a captain of
a company of Malitia and acted as such, he also states, that Captain Hanby went in command of a
company to the South, this deponent left at Home, and when Captain Hanby returned this deponent was
informed by said Hanby and his men who returned with him that they had been to 96 - this deponents
states that he at that time lived in the immediate neighbourhood of Capt Hanby was well acquainted with
him and his wife Sarah Hanby that they were then living together as man and wife and had children and
that he never heard it Contradicted but what they were legally married, he further states that he was
acquainted with Capt hanby up to his deceased & about the Close of the Revolution Captain Hanby
resigned his command as captain and the command of the company devolved on this deponent Sworn to
and subscribed before me this 16th day of February 1841 Martin Cloud JP

Hillsville  CarrollCtyVa  March 9th 1845
Dear Doctor [James A. Craig] Enclosed you will receive the papers in relation to the Widow Hanby's
pension. I send you also an affidavit of my Father William Carter who is a revolutionary Pensioner and
who is in his Eighty forth or fifth year of age and who is so palsied that he can scarcely write his name
legibly - You will find sealed to the margin of the affidavit a part of a leaf of my Grandfathers old Hymn
Book on which is written in his own hand writing the date of his marriage, [page torn] is also in his
family Bible but not written in that by him; I have made a search among his old papers to see if I could
find any commission, but can find none; below I will give you such facts as I have ascertained-
Sarah Hanby's maiden name was Sarah Dalton When married she lived in Guilford County N. Carolina
now Stokes County  She lived in Henry County Va now Patrick During the War. I have not ascertained
when she made her declaration I think in the fall of 1839.1 suppose It was made under the act 4th of July
1836. She died on the 17th of Sept 1841. I can ascertian the time that her Declaration was certified by
the County Court of Patrick if that will be of any service. I can also send you the leaf out of the family
Bible If you wish it. I thought that the entries he Jonathan Hanby made him self would be the best
evidence; if my Fathers affidavit is not sufficient as to the hand writing I can prove it to be his hand
writing by others.
You are hereby authorized to take whatever course you may think best in relation to the pension, if the
whole Seven months is not proven there is a less time proven. You will see by the Letter of J. L. Edwards
[Commissioner of Pensions] that my Grandmother alledged that [paper torn]band served Seven months.
Any further aid that I can give you I will gladly do. Write to me and let me know what you think of the
chance &c.
Your obt servt M. D. Carter

Hillsvile  Carroll County Va  May the 1st  1846
My Dear Sir [Dr. James A. Craig/ Ruffins Mills NC] I hope that we will now be enabled to
satisfy the War Department that my Grand pa was a Captain in the war of the Revolution, by a careful
and thorough search (by my Brother Archelaus H. Carter of Patrick County, who is the Administrator De
Bonis Non with the will annexed of Capt Jonathan Hanby Decd) amongst the old papers of the said
Jonathan Hanby He has found a number of old papers which show conclusively that he Jona. Hanby was
a Captain in the war of the revolution  You will see that the first papers attached to the enclosed
affidavits is a Discharge to Sampson Stephens, marked A, which paper was written and signed by my
Grand pa, as is proven by the affidavit of Colo Abraham Staples and my uncle Samuel Hanby. Severall
other papers you will see are also attached the last of which is the List of Capt Jona. Hanby’s Militia
Company. [See endnote.] You will see at the end of the name Gerrald Burch 2nd  Lieutenant written in a
fine hand by Jona’ Hanby (the words absconded [sic: “absented”] June 26th 1781. — ) I send you also
other old papers found by my brother with the papers attached You will took to them and see if they will
be of any benefit.
You will also see the affidavit of Gowing which will I trust satisfy the Department that Jon'a Hanby served at least six months. My Mother will also swear that Grandpa left home in the Spring and did not return until the fall, but cannot recollect the precise time he was gone to the Siege of Ninety Six. She being the oldest child of the said Jon'a Hanby. If you should find it necessary I can take her affidavit and send it to you.

Write to me on the receipt of this so that I may know that you have received the enclosed papers. William M Tredway is the name of the member of Congress from the Patrick District. I presume that he is not acquainted with my Relations on my Mother Side the Hanbys, but He is well acquainted with A. H. Carter and myself. You may also say to Mr Tredway that any aid given by him in this matter will be fully appreciated by his strong Democratic friend A. H. Carter of Patrick County and by myself.

Very Respectful/ Madison D. Carter

Samson Stevens one of my Militia Company being Call'd upon to Drive a Waggon this is to Certify that his time will be Expir'd the Last day of this Instant - Given under my hand this 26th day of June 1781

Jon'a. Hanby Capt.

1790 Apr'l. 27th I hereby Certifie that I took a Bond of William Higginbotham to Perform a Tower of Duty which Bond hath been Complyed with

[Col. Abram Penn, County Lieutenant of Henry]

State of Virginia } ss
County of Patrick } March the 21st 1846

be it known that before me Martin Cloud a Justice of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared William Going aged Eighty five years and after being duly sworn according to law deposeseth and saith that in the year 1781 as he believes he marched from the County of Patrick and State of Virginia as a private soldier under Captain Jonathan Hanby to the siege of ninety six. That he served under the same officer four months at least before discharged. He states that he was detailed for a three months tour of duty which length of service he claimed in his declaration for a pension. He should have claimed four months in his declaration but the writer of it advised him could only claim for the length of time he was detailed. He further states there can be no doubt that the said Jonathan Hanby was a Captain of the Militia and that he was the husband of the applicant Sarah Hanby. That he was acquainted with the applicant in time of the revolution and until her death which happened a few years since - He further states that it was reported that the said Hanby performed a tour of service to the long Islands of Holsten but this affiant not being along along cant state the fact of his own knowledge but frequently heard the said Hanby speak of having performed a tour to that place - and that he is of opinion from the knowledge he has of the service performed in the Revolution by Captain Hanby that he must have served at least as much as six months.

Sowrn to and subscribed before me the day and date above

Martin Cloud JP
NOTES:

Neither Lt. Col. William Washington nor Gen. Daniel Morgan was at the Siege of Ninety Six. The list of men in Jonathan Hanby’s company at the Siege of Ninety Six was not found in the file. It was probably removed to the National Archives and is available at (http://www.fold3.com/image/246/9946858/). James Lynch has transcribed it (http://revwarapps.org/b55.pdf).

On 29 June 1840 Mary Hughes stated that she had been present at the marriage of her younger sister, Sarah Dalton, to Jonathan Hanby at her father's house on Mayo River in Rockingham (then Guilford) County NC in April 1769.

On 23 June 1846 it was certified that Sarah Hanby died on 16 Sep 1841 and was survived by the following children: Susannah Carter, Polly Smith, and Nancy Mitchell. On 30 April 1851 Fowlkes G. Smith stated that his wife’s father, Samuel Hanby, son of Jonathan and Sarah Hanby, died on 4 May 1847, and that Susan Carter and Nancy Mitchell “may be dead for one of them lived in Georgia, and the other in Mississippi.”

In the file is the following family register said to have been written by Jonathan Hanby on back of the title page of The Office and Authority of a Justice of the Peace by Richard Starke:

Jon'a. Hanby Was Born Dec'r The 9th 1741
Sarah Hanby Was Born March 12th 1754
Jon'a Hanby Married His Wife Sarah April 6 the 1769
Susannah Hanby Was born May 2 the 1770
John Hanby Was Born Nov'r 16 the 1771
Mary Hanby Was Born Nov'r 8 the 1773
Nancy Hanby Was Born Dec'r 17 the 1775

The family register mentioned in the letter by M. D. Carter is on the back of the title page of Hymns and Spiritual Songs in Three Books by I. Watts and transcribed below.

Jonathan Hanby was Born December 9th. 1741
Sarah Hanby was Born March 12th 1754
Joa'n Hanby Married His Wife Sarah April 6 the 1769
Sarahy Hanby Daughter to [page torn] and Sarah His Wife [page torn] 1775[?]