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Pension application of John Habersham BLWt1226-400 Transcribed by Will Graves f10GA 4/21/09: rev'd 7/2/16

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State of Georgia County of Chatham:

I Joseph C. Habersham now a practicing Physician in the City of Savannah State of Georgia, and one of the heirs at law of John Habersham late of the County of Chatham State of Georgia, deceased, do upon oath testify & declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the said John Habersham, was a Major in the Army of the Revolutionary War, in the Georgia line on Continental Establishment, and served as such to the close of the War, and that it has been understood that his name has been entered, on some of the rolls of the Revolutionary Army as George instead of John, and further that it is believed that the said John Habersham, was the only Major of the Georgia line, of the name of Habersham. Also I do further testify and declare that I have never received a warrant, from the United States, for the quantity of land, do the said deceased from the United States, nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his right to it, in any manner during his lifetime.

Therefore know all men by these presents that I Joseph C. Habersham as aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint John M. Berrien Esquire of George or a Member of the Senate of the United States, my true, and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of land due me in right of said deceased and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized & empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes therein specified & the same to revoke at will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of February, 1827 S/Wm Patterson

S/ J. C. Habersham

State of Georgia at Chatham County:

Be it remembered that on this day the 10th of February A.D. 1827 there has been adduced to me satisfactory evidence to prove that Joseph C. Habersham, who has made the foregoing declaration on oath, and who has subscribed the power of attorney, herewith connected is Son, and one of the heirs of John Habersham, late a Major in the Continental Army of the Revolution,

and that the other heirs of the said John Habersham are 3 in number, to wit, Mrs. Ann Ward now residing in Bryan County, Mrs. Mary B. Habersham wife of Robert Habersham & Mrs. Susan D. Habersham wife of Joseph Habersham both of Savannah Georgia in the foregoing named persons are all the heirs of the said John Habersham known to be living.

In witness of all which I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal Official in my capacity as a Justice of the Inferior Court this 10th day of February 1827

S/ Jno Cunning

Darien, January 22nd, 1827

Sir

Your favor of 16th current came safe to hand – I remember Major John Habersham to have been Major of the 1st or 2nd Regimental Continental service in the late service Georgia line – and that bracket he] served during the War – but what service, in particular, I am not confident to say, but that he served faithfully is my recollection.

I am Sir Your Obedient Servant S/ David Rees,

Deputy Judge Advocate in the Georgia of service

David Rees,