Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Covington R2385 Susannah Covington f11SC Transcribed by Will Graves 6/4/11: rev'd 12/29/19

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State of Alabama County of Dallas

On this 4th day of December A.D. 18[last 2 digits are torn off at the edge of the page] personally appeared before me Patterson J Saffold Judge of the County Courts of the County of Dallas, State of Alabama, Susanna Covington a resident of __ the County of Lowndes and State of Alabama aged 84 years who being first duly sworn according to law, on her oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836; That she is the widow of John Covington who was a private in the Revolutionary War in the Service of the State of South Carolina and that she relies upon the evidence of the individuals herewith submitted to establish her husband's services in said War.

She further declares that she was married to the said Covington on the 1st day of March in the year 1779; that her husband, the said John Covington died on the 9th day of May in the year 1802; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. S/ Addison J. Saffold, Judge

S/ Susanna Covington, X her mark

[p 4: On March 7, 1854, in Lowndes County State of Alabama, Leroy Covington, 57 and Catherine Covington 84¹, filed a claim saying they are the only surviving children & heirs of Susanna Covington, late relic of John Covington and a claimant for a pension under the 1836 act; that their mother never received the pension due her as the widow of their father. Both signed their claim with their marks.]

[Facts in file: the widow is said to have died September 28, 1850 in Lowndes County, Alabama, survived only by Leroy and Catherine Covington her children.]

[The following MAY relate to the above named veteran.]

That makes no sense. The first digit has been written over and is more likely intended to be '64' or possibly even '54.'

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to John Covington AA3 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1538 ½

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No. 50

No. 243

Lib. U July 1st, 1785

Mr. John Covington his account of Duty in the Militia since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina Currency] £30.0.0

Stg. [Sterling] £4.5.8 ½

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State of South Carolina

Dr. to John Covington

for Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return] not extant] $\pm 30.0.0$ Stg. $\pm 4.5.8 \frac{1}{2}$

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.