Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Mosby¹ W7478 Transcribed by Will Graves

Susanna Mosby f72VA 7/23/13 & rev'd 7/1/18 & 3/19/21

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State of Virginia Powhatan County Sct.}

On this fifth day of November 1838 personally appeared before the Court of said County Susanna Mosby a resident in the said County of Powhatan aged about seventy-two 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 the 7th 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" –

That she is the widow of Robert Mosby who was a Lieutenant in the Continental line in the War of the Revolution – that she has always understood from her deceased husband Robert Mosby and verily believes that he was a Lieutenant and entered the service in the Virginia line under Captain John Mosby and marched to Georgia – that whilst there he also served under Captain Littleberry Mosby and was taken a prisoner and remained so a long while – That she cannot say in what battles he was engaged, but she verily believes he served from early in the Revolution to the end of the war thereof – But a more full account of her said husband's services she begs leave to refer to the evidences on file in the executive Office at Richmond Virginia and on which his heirs have obtained land bounty, authenticated copies of which are herewith sent and to which she respectfully refers. She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Mosby in the month of October in the year 1785, that her husband the aforesaid Robert Mosby died in the month of August of the year 1798, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz. – at the time above stated. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Susanna Mosby

[p 7: Copy of a marriage bond dated October 13th, 1785 issued in Powhatan County Virginia to Robert Mosby and James Taylor conditioned upon the marriage of Robert Mosby to Susannah Robertson of said County.]

[p 16: Affidavit dated November 29, 1838 given in Powhatan County Virginia by Benjamin Mosby & Judith M Smith in which they testify that Robert Mosby married Susannah Robertson in 1785; that they had 3 or 4 children previous to 1794; that Robert Mosby died in Powhatan County 1798 leaving Susanna Mosby his widow who has never remarried; that Robert Mosby was a revolutionary war veteran who served in the South in Georgia with "their brothers, Captain

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John and Captain Littleberry Mosby."

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Virginia, to wit:

At a Court held for the County of Powhatan, in the State aforesaid, at the Courthouse of the said County, on the 18th day of August in the year 1830

"It is ordered to be certified that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that Susanna Mosby is the widow of Robert Mosby deceased late of this County, and that Jacob Mosby, Charles W Mosby, Clarissa Mosby, the wife of Joseph Mosby, Susannah Allen, the wife of Isaac A Allen, Elbert Mosby and John Mosby were the children and heirs of the said Robert Mosby deceased; that the said Elbert Mosby is dead, and that the said John Mosby removed from this County more than seven years ago and as far as the Court knows has not been since heard from."

[p 23: Power of attorney dated February 4, 1846 given by Joseph Mosby and his wife Clarissa Mosby

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[p 31: copy of the last will and testament of Robert Mosby of Powhatan County]

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[p 54] Powhatan County to wit

The affidavit of Wade Mosby of Powhatan taken before me Thomas Miller a Justice of

the Peace for said County – the said affiant states that he was well acquainted with the late Lieutenant Robert Mosby, having both been born and raised in the same neighborhood, that the said Robert Mosby entered the Revolutionary Army in the year 1776 with the commission of Ensign in the same company with this affiant's brother the late General Littleberry Mosby whose heirs have recently received a warrant for the said Littleberry's bounty land, that the said Robert was marched to the South, and continued in service with the said Littleberry for more than three years – that while in the Army he was promoted from the rank of Ensign to that of Lieutenant; – that the said Robert Mosby died in the County of Powhatan somewhere about thirty years ago – that the standing of the said Robert was always good among his brother officers and in the Army generally. This affiant is also of the opinion that the said Robert retained his commission until the end of the war as he never heard of his giving it up during the war. This affiant being interrogated in relation to Lieutenant John Clarke² says that he also knew John Clarke and knows that he was a Lieutenant in the company commanded by his deceased brother, the late General Littleberry Mosby, during his command in the South, and belonged to the same service with the said Littleberry Mosby & considers the said Clarke's and Lieutenant Robert Mosby claims for bounty land as resting upon precisely the same grounds with that of General Littleberry Mosby, as they belonged to the same service and were officers in the same Company. This Affiant says he has no knowledge of the said Clarke's ever resigning his commission at any time during the war and is inclined to believe that he did not. This affiant says that said Clarke's removal from this part of the country was after the termination of the war, and had no connection with his character or conduct as an officer during the war but grew out of some charges against him as a manufacturer of Tobacco. This affiant being interrogated in relation to Jesse Parker, says that he is well acquainted with the said Parker, and knows that he enlisted in the company in which this affiant's brother Littleberry had a command, and marched to the South and has very little doubt of it being for three years as the said Parker was absent a long time. Given under my hand & seal this 7th day of August 1830

S/Th. Miller {Seal}

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Powhatan County to wit

The affidavit of Wade Mosby of lawful age taken the 13th day of September 1830, This affiant being first duly sworn, and particularly interrogated as to the length of time that Lieutenant John Clarke & Robert Mosby were in service as officers during the Revolutionary War & also as to their standing in the Army, and the manner and time of their quitting the service, says that he has heretofore given an affidavit in behalf of those claiming military bounty land under the said Clarke & Mosby which is not now before him. But his attention being now called to the above points, he says that the said Clarke & Mosby were both raised in the same neighborhood with this affiant, and that he knew them both well, both before and after their return from the Southern Army; that his statement in his former affidavit that they had served more than three years in the Army as Officers was founded upon his recollection of the time of their march from Cumberland old Court House in Virginia (the place of their Rendezvous) until their return; that there were several circumstances which gave to this affiant the means of information upon most subjects connected with the Southern Army, and particularly with the company to which the said John Clarke & Robert Mosby belonged. The first was the fact that this affiant's brother John Mosby was the Captain of the company to which they belonged, another circumstance that this affiant's brother General Littleberry Mosby was also an officer in the same Regiment, and after the resignation of John Mosby, succeeded to the command of his brother John's Company; that this affiant, during the whole Revolutionary war, except when in service to the South in the spring of 1781 lived within a half a mile of the public Barracks at Cumberland old Court House and most of the officers of the Army there stationed were his

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² John Clarke VAS2922

constant Associates and friends; that this affiant was also in command as an officer at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] these circumstances together with the interest felt by himself and family in the operations and fate of the Southern Army made impressions on his mind not easily to be erased. That recently at the instance of the Agent of the Claimants he has overhauled some of the old documents and papers of his brother John Mosby now in his possession; among which he has found the documents marked A B & C respectfully and from the document marked A it appears that the said Clarke and Mosby entered the service the 22nd day of August 1776 and this Affiant recollects that his brother Littleberry was taken prisoner at Briar Creek [Brier Creek, March 3, 1779], was a prisoner at the time of the capture of Charleston, and he also recollects that the said Clarke & Robert Mosby remained in service as long as his brother Littleberry mother – & in deed he does not know that they ever resigned their commissions during the war.

In relation to the standing of the said Clarke and Mosby as Officers of the Army, he has never heard it question by anyone, and believes if it had been otherwise than good he should certainly have heard of it. In relation to the manner in which they left the Army he cannot undertake to say, but has no doubt that they were exchanged, at or about the time his brother Littleberry Mosby was; and left the Southern service by a derangement of their corps; or for want of command until they should be afterwards called on; but he is perfectly convinced it was in no improper manner as he should certainly have heard something of it, either from his brother Littleberry or some other of the Southern officers. This affiant also says, that the standing of Clarke after his return from the South and until the unfortunate affair (sometime after the war) which led to his departure from the Country was good, both as a man and an officer, his associates were among the best circles in this part of the country, and married a lady of reputable connections in Cumberland about the close of the war.

S/ Wade Mosby

[pp 58-60 **B113**1

[pp 60-62: Is an inventory or accounting for supplies and services for the company commanding by Captain John Mosby. It is transcribed in his file **John Mosby VAS362**]

[pp 63-64 **B181**]

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Cumberland County to wit

This day Jesse Parker made oath before me a Justice of the peace for said County that he enlisted in the Continental Army in the County of Cumberland in the year 1776 to serve three years. That at the same time that he enlisted Hezekiah Robinson also enlisted in the same company and on the same day and for the same term of service that the officers who had the command of the company at the time of his enlistment were Captain John Mosby, Jacob Winfree and John Clark as first and second Lieutenant and Robert Mosby as Ensign, that the said company after their enlistment remained for some time stationed at Cumberland Old Court House, and was marched from there to Moore's Ordinary in Prince Edward County Virginia where it also remained for some time – that it was then ordered on to the South and after getting in South Carolina or Georgia, was attached to the Georgia Battalion. That the said company continued in service at various places in South Carolina and Georgia until the capture of the American troops at Savannah that the said Parker together with a number of others belonging to said company were taken prisoners at Sunsbury [Sunbury] about forty miles from Savannah, and about four days as well as he can remember after Savannah had been captured by the Enemy. That the said Hezekiah Robinson was taken sick and died about eighteen months or two years after his enlistment – that he died at someone of the little Islands on the Coast of Georgia to which he had been detached from the company upon service. The name of which little Island

this affiant does not now remember. That the said Hezekiah Robinson was a school mate of this affiant & they were both raised in the County of Cumberland and in the same neighborhood & enlisted on the same day and for the same term of Service viz. Three years. That the said Hezekiah Robinson died without ever being married or making any will as far as this affiant knows or believes & thinks if he made any will this affiant must from there intimacy have known something of it. This affiant also says that he has always been acquainted with John Robinson of Cumberland County who is now making application for the military claims due his deceased brothers Nathaniel Robinson & the said Hezekiah and knows from the declarations of all the members of the said Robinson family that the said John Robinson was the oldest brother the said Hezekiah after Nathaniel Robinson who was said to have died in the Army to the North at Camp Valley Forge, Nathaniel being the oldest and John second brother.

This affiant also says that Erasmus Oakley (late of Cumberland & whose heirs are now making application for their Father's land) was a Sergeant in the same Company to which this affiant belonged, that he enlisted also for three years while the company was stationed at Cumberland old Court House, - that the said Oakley and himself were taken prisoners together at Sunsbury and carried to Savannah and put on board with a number of others of a prison ship, that this affiant remained himself on board the prison ship for about 5 or 6 months and thinks the said Oakley remained about as long. That the said Oakley and Rice Ennis (who belonged to the same Company with Oakley & myself, who had also enlisted before the Company marched from Virginia for 3 years) made their escape together, and about the same time he said affiant made his escape and reached the Can't of the detachment of the French troops then stationed in the vicinity of Savannah, from thence he proceeded to Augusta where there was a few troops and from which place this affiant received his discharge from Colonel Richard Parker and returned home to Virginia after being absent 3 years and a month or 2 – that this affiant has since lost his discharge - This affiant also says that he does not know, in what manner the said Oakley and Rice Ennis or from whom they got there discharge but feels perfectly confident from that time they made their escape from the enemy. That they must have served out their time of 3 years. This affiant thinks but will not be certain that Rice Ennis acted as a Corporal, he knows he was well thought of in the company – This affiant himself acted as Sergeant as he expects to be able to prove.

This affiant also says that General Littleby Mosby [Littleberry Mosby] marched from Virginia to the South about the same time that this affiant did and he thinks with the Company, as he soon after getting to Georgia succeeded to the Command of the Company to which this affiant belonged and the said Littleby was taken prisoner as this affiant now thinks at Savannah & if not at Savannah, he was at Sunsbury, all of which happened about the same Time, that the said Littleby was put upon parole at Savannah.

This affiant being question in relation to Ensign Robert Mosby & Lieutenant John Clarke, says that they were officers in the same company with Littleby Mosby at the capture of Savannah and to the best of his recollection they were taken Prisoners at Savannah, but what became of them after the affair at Savannah, he does not now recollect whether they were paroled and came home or remained there, he is [indecipherable word] did not admit of his knowing, but always understood that Littleby Mosby remained there, The affiant also says that Robert Mosby & Clarke belonged to the same Company and was engaged in the same Service with Littleby Mosby, and must have served 3 years or about that time judging from the time affiant was taken Prisoner, as both the said Robert Mosby & John Clarke were in command at Cumberland old Court House when this affiant enlisted and had been for some time as he always heard and believed. The said Robert Mosby he considered a good officer and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant while in Command in the South. Clarke also done his duty but was objected to by some as to blastering. — Captain John Mosby resigned and came home long before the affair at Sunbury & Savannah, and Jacob Winfree also died sometime before [2 words blotted out with inkblots] — This affiant also questioned in relation to Robert Mosby & John Clarke says that

Robert Mosby has been dead for a number of years – and John Clarke some short time after his return and perhaps about the close of the war or a little after, was compelled to leave the country in consequence of some misconduct, and has never returned leaving the said Frances Clarke & two daughters Sally and Patsy as I have heard.

S/ Jesse Parker³



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service as a Lieutenant for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia] 24-page file

Auditor's Office 12 August 1830

It appears by the Registry in this office that Henry Lipford⁴ a soldier of infantry in the Virginia line on Continental establishment during the revolutionary war, received on 29 March 1780 for a Certificate for £55.18.6 being the balance of his full pay or depreciation, which said Certificate was delivered to Colonel Edward Carrington.

S/ James E. Heath A P A [Assistant Public Auditor]

Auditor's Office 12 August 1830

It appears by the Registry in this office that Edward Booker a soldier of Artillery in the Virginia line on Continental establishment during the Revolutionary war received on 11 March 1784 a Certificate for the balance of his full pay or depreciation amounting to £15.12 and that the said Certificate was delivered to John Booker.

S/ James a Heath, A. P. A.

September 28: 1830

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith the affidavit of Thomas Hobson the brother-in-law of Lieutenant Clarke to show the standing of Clarke after he left the Army both in Society & among the Southern officers, and that no imputation against him as an officer was ever heard by him which scarcely would have been the case if he had left the Army disreputably which sort of negative testimony is the most that can possibly be required in relation to Clarke's actions under the Circumstances of his Case, – They were Infants at the time their Father left the Country – none of his papers have come to their hands, or do they know any thing about their Father or his affairs except from the tradition of the family – Their Mother too died about 1794 – and whenever their minds have been turned to the recollection of their Father, it has been with pain & mortification – Yet as all hands & by all the witnesses he is found to have been a good Officer & as an Officer [paper torn and text missing] ly and fairly to have earned the bounty promised him by his Country – can or ought there, then to be doubt about the claims of his Heirs to his military bounty Land? I think not. – But the case is respectfully submitted to the Council upon this and the other testimony heretofore forwarded. And I must ask the favor of you to drop me a line at the earliest period after this & Lieutenant Mosby['s] case are acted on.

Very respectfully
Your mo: obt. St.
S/ Jno. W. Nash

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³ Jesse Parker S11217

⁴ Henry Lipford S8861

The following claims for Military bounty Lands are respectfully submitted to the Executive of Virginia

- 1st John Cullen, a private in the Virginia State line, for 3 years service. Vouched by his own affidavit and the Certificate of the Auditor as to his full pay. The affidavits of Captain Thomas Milton and of Benjamin Mosby are filed to show Mr. Cullen's character for veracity &c.
- 2. Charles Mosby (Heirs) who was a private in the Continental Service fourth Virginia line who [indecipherable word] for 3 years and died to the South upon Sapelo Island [Georgia]. Vouched by the affidavit of Erasmus Oakley herewith filed, who belonged to the same Company & whose heirs have lately the [indecipherable word, could be 'warrant'] = also by an original Muster or pay Roll of Captain John Mosby's Company to which he belonged and which I filed heretofore in support of the claim of Lieutenant Robert Mosby, bears to which reference is now respectfully asked as it will show the name of Charles M [paper damaged, text missing] in Relation to the Credibility of Erasmus Oakley who is now dead: it is beyond question and it is presumed the fact of his credibility is known to Mr. D. A. Wilson a Member of the Executive Council
- 3rd <u>Jesse Parker</u>, a Sergeant in the Continental Service from Virginia. Jesse Parker was allowed by order of Council last Fall one hundred acres as a private. The attention of the Executive is now respectfully asked to review his affidavit then filed & the Affidavit of Major John Holder [?]⁵ & Mosil Booker [?]⁶ on his Credibility in connection with his additional affidavit now filed in which he swears expressly that he was acting as Sergeant at the time of his discharge by Colonel Richard Parker. He therefore asked that the additional allowance of 100 acres be made him so as to fill his claim as Sergeant & not as private.
- 4. The Heirs of Francis Deane a private in the Virginia line upon Continental establishment. This claim was before the Council in 1821 as I understand and then rejected for the want of sufficient evidence being sustained at that time only by the affidavit of Peter Deane. I have now filed affidavit of Peter Beane & the additional affidavit of his brother John Deane both of whom are respectable Inhabitants of the County of Pendleton, upon this additional Evidence thus corroborating and sustaining the former Evidence the case is asked to be reconsidered.

 July 26th, 1831

 S/ Jno. W. Nash

S/ Jno. W. Nash Atty for the Claimants

Amelia County to wit

This day John Scott made Oath before me a justice of the peace for said County that he was well acquainted with Edward Booker deceased and knows that he enlisted under Captain Everard Meade⁷ of the said County in the Continental Army, as well as this affiant now remembers about the year 1776 or 1777, that he knows the said Booker both before & after his enlistment – and up to the time of his death which took place many years ago in the County of Cumberland – This affiant does not know the [several words too faint to discern] in which he enlisted but has but little hesitation in saying that it was for as long a term as long in the Company to which he belonged as Booker was absent for a long while from the Country and indeed this affiant does not remember to have [word too faint to discern] with him until about the close of the War or [word too faint to discern] as this affiant himself entered the Continental Army in 1780 as Ensign and was mostly employed in the Southern Service while Booker's service was to the North.

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⁷ Everard Meade BLWt2063-300

This affiant being questioned in relation to Lieutenant Robert Mosby of Powhatan says he was well acquainted with him, and always understood that he belonged to the same company and was engaged in the same service with Littleberry Mosby. – Being questioned in relation to Rice Ennis he says that towards the close of the War, he was in Service with the said Ennis to the South. That he always understood from others, and at that time heard it from Rice Ennis himself, that he had served out his Three years in the Southern Service in within Genl. Littleberry Mosby (afterwards General Mosby) had been engaged, and was towards the close of the war serving another tour of Eighteen Months.

Amelia County to wit: This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the said County John Scott⁸ & made oath to the truth of the foregoing affidavit – as Witness my hand this 3rd day of August A.D. 1830 [could be 1838]

S/Wm Berksdale, JP

Virginia, Cumberland County, to wit:

Being called on to state the Services of Lieutenant Robert Mosby of Powhatan, I can say that Robert Mosby [indecipherable words] Powhatan then Cumberland County in the year 1776 [indecipherable word or words] entered the service as Ensign in a Company commanded by Captain John Mosby of Powhatan [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] Cumberland in the Virginia Continental Service [paper damaged and several lines of text rendered illegible] commanded by Colonel [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] afterwards he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. That in perhaps 12 or 18 months afterwards Captain John Mosby died and [indecipherable word] the command then devolved on Littleberry Mosby his brother, who had been a Lieutenant in that service. That Robert continued in the service [several indecipherable words] and then was discharged: That Robert had [paper damaged and text rendered indecipherable] in the same service who enlisted as a [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] years, and was lost on Sapelo Island [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] which [indecipherable word] troops from the road galleys coming from [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] [indecipherable word or words] to get border. Here after having spent the [indecipherable word or words – balance of this page is of such poor quality that I cannot make out enough words to make it worthwhile to transcribe those that can be deciphered.] [next page]

away from an island much infested by alligators &c Given under my hand this 13th day of August 1824

S/ Erasmus Oakley9

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Cumberland County Virginia [Attested by Edward Walton 14th Augt. 1824]

Cumberland County to wit

This day Rhoda Oakley made Oath before me a Justice of the peace for said County that she will remembers that her brother Richard Alderson enlisted as a Soldier in the Continental Army at the same time that Edward Booker enlisted, this affiant well remembers that the said Booker and her brother Richard Alderson were young men together and both enlisted at the same time and in the same Company and as she then understood for three years – that the Officer

⁸ Probably the same man as **John Scott S38354**

⁹ Erasmus Oakley W5437

under whom they enlisted to the best of her recollection was the late General Everard Meade (then Captain Meade). That said Booker after serving his time out returned home, and came to visit this affiant and her brother & Sisters and informed the family that he had left Richard Alderson sick after having served out his time and when returning home from the Army the best intelligence which the family received of her brother Richard was that he had died when he had been left by the said Edward Booker sick.

This affiant says that at the time of the death of her brother Richard he had living two brothers John Alderson & Amos Alderson & several Sisters. John was the oldest brother of the family, and her Brother Amos was afterwards killed at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. This affiant being interrogated in relation to her Brother Amos says that she cannot be certain for what time Amos enlisted, but knows that he had been in the northern Army in the Continental service before he marched to the South and always knew that he had been in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777].

Given under my hand this 16th day of August 1830

S/ Edwd. Walton, J. P.

[Last will and testament of Robert Mosby: he names son, John, his eldest child; his wife [not named]; executors John Robinson and Wade Mosby.]

Cumberland County to wit

This day Maritt H. Booker [?]¹⁰ made oath before me a Justice of the peace for said County that he is the Executor of the late General Lillberry Mosby [sic] whose heirs have lately received a Warrant for the said Littleberry's military services during the Revolutionary War, that he well recollects seeing among the papers of the said Littleberry an old Muster Roll of the company commanded by the said Littleberry Mosby when performing service in the South during the Revolutionary War, that on this list he remembers well to have seen the names of Erasmus Oakley and Jesse Parker and Rice Ennis and also that of Lieutenant John Clarke that Oakley was a Sergeant and the said Clarke a Lieutenant on said Roll and this affiant's attention was particularly called to the names of the above persons from their having been all familiar to him, and with Oakley and Parker this affiant had been long & well acquainted: Rice Ennis lived and died some years ago in Amelia County, as this affiant understood – And Lieutenant John Clarke before this affiant's recollection was said to have been guilty of some misconduct as an individual – a few years after the War & left the State, leaving behind him at that time three infant children viz. a son Francis Clarke, Sally Clarke who has since intermarried with Marshall Mumford & Patsy Clarke, this affiant has been raised in the same neighborhood with the children above named of the said John Clarke who were left destitute and wholly dependent upon their friends and relations with whom they lived & by whom they have been raised. Their mother having died as this affiant always understood before the said Clarke abandoned them. That the said Clarke has not been heard of as far as this affiant knows or believes for the last 20 or 30 years – This affiant also says that he has often heard the said Littleberry Mosby in his lifetime speak of the said John Clarke as having Lieutenant in the same company with him, and belonging to the same service, that he has also heard him speak of the said Parker and Oakley as having been under his command. That the Muster Roll above alluded to had all the appearance of an ancient and genuine paper, but with a number of other old papers relating to the said Littleberry's transactions in the Southern Army have been [indecipherable word] aside as useless, and of no value; and in this may have been lost or destroyed.

This affiant being interrogated as to the credibility of Jesse Parker, says that he has long

known the said Parker, and considers that few men have a better claim to be believed on oath then the said Parker, and that the affidavit which he has given before this affiant on the 31st day of July 1830 is entitled to the fullest belief.

This affiant also says that Erasmus Oakley died a few years ago intestate, leaving a widow Oakley and the following children and grandchildren, viz. John Oakley, Thomas Oakley, Maryanne Oakley who intermarried with Peasley Cruize [??], Patsy Oakley who intermarried with Thomas Alderson, & his grandchildren John Tyre and Catharine Tyre the said Catharine having intermarried with Drury Miles, Emily & Marth Tyre.

And further this affiant saith not. Given under my hand this [sic, and] seal [sic] this 2nd day of August 1830 S/ Edwd Walton, J. P.