

North Carolina  
 Ankenburg County

It is this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1856 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid Sam. Adams who is resident of Charlotte aged 75, years exhibiting for study Sam. Adams to him with in his own name the following declaration, in and to the effect of the tenor of the paper made by the said Sam. Adams on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1837, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836, 1<sup>st</sup> July 1837, and all subsequent <sup>acts</sup> applicable to this case that he is the son in law of Susanna Shelly, and also the last administrator on her estate, that the said Susanna was the widow and wife of Gen. Shelly who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and also as the traditionary history of the County says that he spent the whole or a great part of some years that he has heard ~~many~~ of the old Soldiers say that Gen. Shelly was a true Soldier and also must have been in some manner Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. His name was Capt. Messersman and he must have been in some manner commanding Col. W. Polk under Gen. Sumpter that he was at the battle of Cowan Ford, the Battle of Guilford and also the battle of the North and South Carolina. No further statement that Susanna Shelly was married to some Shelly in the 1776, or 1777, from the use and information that has now been obtained there being no family record, and no marriage bond on file

in the County Court Clerk's Office when such records are kept, this affirms it well satisfied from his own eye comparison with the ages of some of the deceased persons, that the same persons have taken place over in the distribution, than those who are of being known to be several years older than affirms that even the oldest child was about the day of April 1825, leaving his mother Susan and child surviving who last died in his mother the day of June A.D. 1837, when she was then leaving affirms his wife's name and that Thomas Shelly, Maria Alexander, Prudence Alexander, Sarah Alexander, Mary Alexander and Abigail Shelly, are the only surviving children of the deceased Susan and Alexander Shelly, all of which facts were fully ascertained by reference to the public records regarding the declaration.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year above written.

Wm. Alexander  
 J. Powell  
 J. W. P.  
 William Hill

Wm. Alexander  
 Administrator

Mecklenburg County.

I, Wm. R. Price Clerk of the Court  
 of Pleas and Justice for the County  
 do hereby certify that the foregoing con-  
 tains the original proceedings of the said Court  
 in the case of the application of E. C. ...  
 Administrator of the estate of ...  
 done that was done E. C. ...

Wm. R. Price  
 Clerk of the Court  
 Office this 7 day of May 1856.

W. R. Price

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David Henderson J.P.

Susanna

mark  
X Henderson  
Mrs

I do hereby certify that Susanna Henderson  
who signs the above affidavit is a very  
respectable etc lady very intelligent for  
her age and is fully entitled to credit

David Henderson J.P.