

North Carolina
 Mecklenburg County

It is this 29th day of April 1856 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid Saml. Shultz a resident of Charlotte aged 45, years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed the 7th 1854, July 6th 1836, 9th July 1837, and all subsequent ^{acts} applicable to this case that he is the son in law of Susanna Shelby, and also the administrator on her estate, that the said Susanna was the widow and relict of Genl. Shelby who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and from the traditions and history of the County says that about the whole or a great part of said war, that he has heard many of the old Soldiers say that Genl. Shelby was a true Whig and did much service, that he served under Capt. W^m. H^oly and was a light Arise man one time, when he was on South Carolina commanded by Col. W^m. Polk under Genl. Sumpter that he was at the battle of Cowan Ford, the Battle of Guilford and also at the battle of North and South Carolina. He further declares that Susanna Shelby was married to Genl. Shelby in the 1776, or 1777, from the best information that he can now be obtained there being no family record, and no marriage bond on file

in the County Court Clerk's office when such bonds
 are kept, this affiance is well satisfied from his
 own eye compared with the ages of Joan Anne
 Susanna Shelly, eldest children, that the said
 marriage must have taken place early in
 the Revolution, their eldest child if being
 now to several years older than affiance.
 That Joan Shelly died on or about the
 day of April 1825, leaving her widow Susan
 ne Shelly surviving who continued her widow
 until the day of June A. D. 1837, when she was
 then being affiant wife since and that
 Thomas Shelly, Harriet, Alexander, Frederick
 and Sarah Alexander, Mary, Alexander and
 Abigail Shelly are the only surviving children
 of the aforesaid Joan and Susanna Shelly all
 of which will more fully appear by reference
 to the probate accompanying this declaration.
 Given under my hand and seal the day and year
 above written before us.

Wm. H. Alexander, J. C.

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Administrator

and the said court do hereby certify and return this open
 and that the above named Joan Shelly was a Revolutionary Soldier
 and her estate as stated above.

Wm. H. Alexander