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Wills, Leonard,
Sarah.

W. 26027

B.L.W. 31715-16A-55.

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Georgia 16491

Leonard Will

of Grenville in the State of Ga

who was a Ps- in the commanded

by Captain of the Regt commanded

by Col. Riving in the N. C.

line for Grenville

Inscribed on the Roll of Georgia

at the rate of 20 Dollars & Cents per annum.

commences on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 27 day of March 1833

and Luth. W. Matthe

Savannah Ga

Amount to the 1st of March 1833 40

Foramt. allowance ending 4 Sept - 10

50

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Math. Rice Clerk,

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Order to pay 29 Sept 1837.

Paid at the Treasury under
the Act of March 3rd 1838
from 4th Sept 1838 to 4 March
1839. Agent notified 24th Aug
1840

Paid as above from 4th Sept
1839 to 4th March 1840. Agent
Notified 16th March 1841.

Paid as above from 4th Sept 1840
to 4 Sept 1841. Agent notified
June 4th 1842

John H. Aldrich 26 1856
(Master of the ... 53)

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b. 195

Georgia,
Sarah Mills,
widow of Leonard, Mills
who served in the Revolutionary

war, as a private,

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate
of 20 dollars 00
cents per annum, to commence
on the 3d February, 1853.

Certificate of Pension issued
26th day of Nov. 1858,
and sent to

John H. Noyes,
Present.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act
February 3, 1853, Page 241 Vol. 4

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~~Donat~~ ^M April 29/55
252-1709

Sarah Wills mi
Edward Wills

Capt Ship
Green

Revolutionary
Private Col Irvine

A. C. Miles
Gen June 31 - 1649

Ad. 169 act June 25/86

Do by

[Handwritten flourish]

J. H. Moore
Marietta
Ga,

Cir T. H. Moore Nov 12/55
to same Feb 14th/56

Vol. No. 23.

no 16966

Leonard Wills Guinnett
County Georgia

Adm'd as private
Geo. § 20,

4.
Int. 1.2.7.

April 13. 1833 -

P. 337.

Mr. Matthew Bth of
Guinnett County Georgia

BRIEF in the case of *Leonard Wills*
County of Guinnell **in the State of Georgia**
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *74 years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>Not - Drafted</i>	<i>In 17</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>private</i>	<i>Gen. Caswell, Col. Irwin</i>
		<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>private</i>	<i>Cap. Noss Cap. Schuchoff, Gen. Green</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Widow Moors Bridge*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Edgecomb County N. Carolina*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *Court*

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

Rich^d Keywatts Examining Clerk.

82,817
Sarah Mill,

J. H. Moore
Marietta
Ga
Agent.

State of Georgia,

County }

On this Twenty seventh day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, Sarah Mills aged seventy five years, a resident of Cobb County in the State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Leonard Mills deceased, who was a private & something in the company commanded by Captain [redacted] in the Regiment of Ship Volunteers Revolutionary War commanded by [redacted] in the [redacted] declared by the United States on the 18th day of June, 1813, that her said husband volunteered at Edgecomb Co. Ga. on or about the day [redacted] A. D., for the term of [redacted] and continued in actual service in said war for the term of [redacted] and was honorably discharged at a place not recollecting, on the day [redacted] A. D. recollecting.

She further states, that she was married to the said Leonard Mills in Edgecomb Co. Ga. on the 5th day of May A. D. 1813, by one Cophy Thomas a Justice of the peace and that her name before her marriage was Sarah Daily on the 24th day of September A. D. 1832 and that she is now a widow.

She further declares that she has heretofore made application for bounty land under [redacted] any act of Congress nor obtained any warrant [redacted]

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the [redacted] bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved the 31 day of March, 1855. [redacted] The relief on the original Pension [redacted]

We John W. Hill and Madison Williams upon residents of Cobb County in the State of Georgia

our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Sarah Mills in our presence, and that we believe from the appearance and statements of the applicant, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that she is still a widow and we further declare that we were well acquainted with Leonard Mills & Sarah Mills his wife (now the widow) during the life time of her husband and know them to live together as husband & wife & to have been so generally reported, that her said husband the said Leonard Mills died at Cobb County Ga. on the 24th day of September 1832 and that she is still a widow, and that we have no interest in this claim.

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person she represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim.

James W. Murphy J.P.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Cobb County,

James E. Kellon Clerk of the

Superior Court, in and for said county, do hereby certify that James W. Murphy Esqr before whom the foregoing declaration and affidavits were made is an acting Justice of the peace in and for said county, duly authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of March 1855 J. E. Kellon CLERK.

Certificate of her said husband.



BOUNTY LAND CLAIM.

FORM OF DECLARATION

To be made by the widow of a deceased person who has not had a land warrant.

STATE OF Georgia
COUNTY OF Paulding } ss.

On this 28th day of May A. D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty six - - - personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Sarah Wills aged Seventy one years, a resident of Paulding, Ga in the State of Georgia, who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that she is the widow of Leonard Wills, deceased, who was a private in the company commanded by Captain _____ in the _____ Regiment of _____ commanded by _____ in the war 1776 or Revolution war.

That her said husband Valentines at _____ on or about the _____ day of _____ A. D., _____ for the term of _____ and continued in actual service in said war for the term of _____ and was _____ at _____ on the _____ day of _____ A. D.

She further states that she was married to the said Leonard Wills in North Carolina on the _____ day of _____ A. D., 181 - - - by one Thompson Thomas a Justice of the peace and that her name before her said marriage was Sarah Bayly

home in Cobb Co, Ga on the 22^d day of September A. D., 18 2 that her said husband died _____ and that she is now a widow at the date of executing this her declaration.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855. She applied through J. H. Mason, J. J. of Paulding in March 1855 and had nothing
Sarah Wills

We, Dennis S. Sippins - - and Dennis Sippins residents of Paulding in the State of Georgia - - upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Sarah Wills in our presence, and that we believe, from the appearance and statements of the applicant, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be.

Dennis S. Sippins
Dennis Sippins

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person she represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim.

A. J. Brumbaugh J. P.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Know all men by these presents, That I, *Sarah Wills* of the County of *Paulding* and State of *Georgia* and the widow of *Isaac Wills* deceased, who was a soldier in the service of the United States, do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint JOHN T. NEELY, Esq., of Washington City, D. C., my true and lawful attorney, irrevocably, for me and in my name, to prosecute and receive from the United States the Bounty Land certificate, or warrant, due me by virtue of my deceased husband's service in the United States, under existing laws granting Bounty Lands to the officers and soldiers, or their widows and minor heirs, for services rendered in the different wars, and generally to do all lawful acts and things whatsoever touching the premises; an attorney, or attorneys under him for the purpose aforesaid to make, and at his pleasure to revoke, hereby confirming all and whatsoever my said attorney shall in my name legally do or cause to be done in and about the premises, as much so as if present myself.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

28th

day of

May

1856. *Sarah Wills*
mark

SEAL.

Acknowledged and subscribed before me, a

Justice of the Peace

in and for the County of *Paulding*

and State of *Georgia*

this

28th

day of

May

1856.

A. G. Brindle

SEAL.

STATE OF *Georgia*

COUNTY OF *Paulding*

I, *Solomon S. Strickland* Clerk of the County Court, in and for the County and State above mentioned do hereby certify, that *A. G. Brindle* whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing declaration, affidavit and power of attorney, is, and was at the time of signing the same, a *Justice of the Peace* in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit; and that the aforesaid County Court, is a Court of Record, having general jurisdiction.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of Office, at

this *Thursday* day of *June*

Gallatin Ga

A. D. 1856

Solomon S. Strickland Clerk.



Presented by
J. T. NEELY,
Attorney, Washington City, D. C.

Henry Wills
William Paulson
George Ketch

Widow of Isaac
Mrs. Sarah Wills
200 209

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1855.

BOUNTY LAND.

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NOTES.

The declaration to be executed before a Justice of the Peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If the deceased officer was a regimental or staff officer, the declaration must be varied so as to express the fact. After the words "in the war," state in what war, whether in the war with Great Britain, declared by the United States on the 15th day of June, 1812, the Mexican war, (if an officer,) or any of the Indian wars since 1793, describing the same. After the words "that her said husband," insert whether he enlisted, volunteered, or was drafted. After the words "as will appear by," if the discharge be in existence, say "as will appear by his original certificate of discharge herewith presented." If the discharge be lost or destroyed, or it is ascertained on inquiry or examination that one was never received, insert after the words "as will appear by," the words "by the muster rolls of said company," and in the two following lines, state the facts in reference to the missing discharge. This declaration must be accompanied by satisfactory proof of the marriage, of the husband's death, and the present widowhood of the claimant. If there be a public record of the marriage, a duly certified copy of it should be forwarded, if possible. If there be none but a private or family record, such family record, or a certified copy of the same, should be forwarded, with the affidavit of some disinterested person proving the genuineness of the original and the correctness of the copy. If no public or private record of the marriage exist, or can be procured, that fact should be set forth in the declaration, after giving her maiden name; and in such case, other evidence—such as the testimony of persons who knew the parties in the lifetime of the husband, and knew them to cohabit as husband and wife, and to be so reputed—will be admissible. In no case, however, will the mere statement of witnesses that the claimant is the widow of the deceased be taken as evidence of the marriage; but the witnesses must state facts and circumstances from which they derive their knowledge or opinion that she is the widow of the deceased. The affidavit of two witnesses must be taken to establish the identity of the claimant.

No. 6.
Leonard Mills

Revolutionary
Soldier

1895

Declaration

State of Georgia } Superior Court ~~September~~
Gwinnett County } ~~Term~~ ^{October} 1832

On this 5th day of ~~September~~ ^{October} 1832 personally appeared in open court (it being a Court of Record) now sitting Leonard Mills a resident of the said County of Gwinnett and state aforesaid aged Seventyfour who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated (to wit, that he entered the service in Edgecomb County & State of North Carolina where he then resided as a Volunteer under the command of Captain Horn for the term of three months & was afterwards discharged by said Horn. that from his present infirm age he only recollects the name of his Captain Horn that the time he entered the service he thinks Genl Caswell. Command. & he ^{is} pretty certain he was attached to Colonel Irwin Regiment. & was in the battle at the widows Moors Bridge, where we defeated McDaniel & McCloud which were Tories, the year he can not recollect and was during this service in the State of North Carolina. and that he again entered the service as a drafted Militiaman. in Captain John Shipp's Company in the same State & County for an other term of three months - marched (under Genl Green & he thinks was attached to Colonel Litton's Regiment) - into South Carolina but was not in the battle of the Eutaw Springs. only on the march from there he marched to Deep river in North Carolina. taken sick and discharged at the Hospital. Near Col Scurlocks in said State of North Carolina. afterwards near the close of the war ~~he~~ went out again a short time against Mallice as he passed through North Carolina. that he recollects of no person living who can prove the services that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services Nor does he know of any person now

living who could establish the same that since the Revolutionary war he has resided first in North Carolina then to Tennessee then to South Carolina & from there to the state of Georgia & County of Gwinnett where he now resides He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present - and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to & subscribed
the day & year aforesaid
in Open Court
(Attest) Wm. Mallicie Clk;
Jennar & Mills

Georgia } We Elijah Moore a Clergyman residing
Gwinnett County } in the state & County aforesaid and
Elisha Winn, residing in the same hereby certify that
we are well acquainted with Leonard Mills who has
subscribed & sworn to the above declaration that
we believe him to be seventyfour years old that
he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where
he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolutionary
and that we concur in that opinion

Sworn & subscribed the
day & year aforesaid
in open Court
(Attest) Wm. Mallicie Clk;
Elijah Moore
Elisha Winn

Georgia } Superior Court
Gwinnett County } Term 1832
October
September
and the said Court do hereby declare the opinion
after the investigation of the matter and after putting
the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department
that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary

Soldier & served as he states - and the Court further certifies that it appears to said Court that Elijah Moore who has signed the above certificate is a Clergyman resident in the State & County aforesaid and that Elisha Winn who has also signed the same is a resident in the said State & County and is a creditable person and that their statements is entitled to credit

John Brewster J. C.

Reuben M. H. J. C.

Clifford Woodroff J. C.

I William Mattie Clerk of the Inferior Court for said County & State hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Leonard Willis for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of Office this 3rd day of October 1838.

Wm. Mattie C. C.

Georgia Before me a Justice of the
Gunnett County man of said County personally
appeared appeared Leonard Mills who has
made & subscribed the annexed declaration
and after being duly sworn saith by
reason of old age & feeble Constitution and
consequent decay of Memory he cannot
positively swear as to the identical date
of his first service but from the best
of his recollection it was in the year
1779 and that he then served under the officers
& in the service as stated - and he also recollects
that John Daniel was one of his comrades
the first service was entered in Edgecomb County
in North Carolina where he then resided
and that he recollects that his second term
was in the year 1780 which service was
rendered in North & South Carolina under
the officers &c as stated that he entered
this service in the said County of Edgecomb
and that during this service Gates' Army
was defeated in South Carolina after
he had returned to North Carolina in
the year 1781 he was again called into service
at the same place as a volunteer for an
unlimited time to oppose the March of
Cornwallis as he passed thro' that State
and remained in this service three months
that he was regularly discharged
from each service but his discharge

and all Cast in his second service and
Joshua Johnson was a Musmate - and in
his third service William Spikes was
a Musmate ^{and was a private Soldier} - That he was born in
the said County in North Carolina in the year
1758 - as his parents informed him that he
has no recard of his age - his first discharge
was given by Col Irwin - his second by Col
Seiblocks - his last service was under Coffey
whose name he cannot recollect of nor
does he recollect from whom he recd his
discharge - That Elijah Moore a Clergyman
& Elisha Wynn who have already testified
John Luddith & John L. Lippin & many others
of his neighbours can testify as to his
Character for veracity & of their belief
in his services as a Soldier of the
Revolution And for such service he
Claims a pension

Sworn to & subscribed Leonard Will
before me a Justice of the
peace of said County
this 17 June 1833

John Mills J.P.

Georgia
Gwinnett County. I William Malbie Clerk of
the Inferior Court for said
County hereby certify that John Mills whose
name appears to the foregoing affidavit made
by Leonard Will, as a subscribing witness
to an acting Justice of the Peace for said
County and was at the time of subscribing
the same and that the same is in due form
Given under my hand & Seal of office
This 22nd day of June 1833

Wm. Malbie C. J. C.

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Regy WIDOW, &c.

File No. 26027

Sarah Mills

wid. of

Leonard Mills

Priv. Rev. was

Act: Feb. 27. 1853.

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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Leonard Wills. fri.

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Geo June 32-16491

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J. T. Kely.

Present.

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31,715

160 acres

No 6544

Sarah Wills
Widow of Leonard
Georgia

J. W. Hill October 30 1856 -

Same March 20, 1857
John H. Noyes. Sept. 17/58

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Sarah Yerhume

John Wick

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Wm. Wick
No. 100
St. Louis





Sarah Mills
Edward
Washington City
D.C.
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Miss
C. B. P.

Declaration of
Sarah Mills Wil
of Edward Mills per

Seworth Co
Feb 9

Free

J. Minst Esqr

Commissioner

of prisons
Washington City

D.C.

Sarah Mills

Wid

Leahard

Jan 31 - 1849

Additional Evidence for
Sarah Mills Percival

D. D.



Triplicate

Winn

Comer & Percival
Washington D.C.

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Spaulding Co. Geo. & Joseph Co. 40
p. 48 of 22. 22. 52. & 4 rows.
J. W. M.

Pro: H. Noyes.

Proof of Marriage & husband's death &
Applicants who were on file in
County Law papers. B. L. W.

So I must - Sir I have first put
Sarah Mills matter the Best I could if
and might - you can Return it
The Claim of Miss Dudley Mrs Eatons and
Miss James Miskel I hope you will send
to me your truly
Oct 15 1856 J. W. Hill

Feb 6th 1856
Dear Sir I have with I enclose
to you Senoel Mills pension certificate
of which I wish Sarah Wiles his wife
inscribed in his place and the Certificate
sent to me also I want you to send me
the Land Warrant, & in Mr Mills life time he
drew his pension through J. H. Moon Esq. of Meville
and Sarah Wiles applied through
Mr Moon she filed her affidavit in March I believe
some time ago. you write back you could not
find his name on Record if you cant find
it. State the Cause why it you be J. W. Hill

Post Office,

Nov: 12th 1858.

Sir. Be pleased to certify the
time to which the within
named Endorser was paid
on the date of his death.

Yours Respectfully,

Wm. G. G.
For the Endorser.

H. G. Atkinson Esq.

Third M. A. N. Army.

3^d Auditor's Office
Nov: 13. 1838.

Sir:-

Leonard Mills,
Georgia, Act 1832,
Act 20. - per annum,
appears to have
been paid to
Sept: 1. 1838.

Very Resp^{ly}

~~Wm. M. M.~~
Auditor

Geo: C. Whiting Esq^r (2^d)
Comm. of Pensions)

March 4 1857 To James Esq. Senior
I her by witness to you the declaration
of Sarah Mills widow of Samuel Mills, Dec
of which I hope will be sufficient - I have
not proved her marriage this time I fear that
before we prove that they lived forty years
as man and wife it would be hard to prove a
marriage that took place 60 years ago but I hope
this will be sufficient and would like for you
to allow to it - at - at least a period of forty
years
Truly yours
John W. Hill

Leonard Hills

Payments to be made
at Savannah
by the P. U. S. M. R. A.
Agent for paying Pension-
ers, in the Agency of Georgia

Recorded in the Pension Of-
fice, in Book C Vol. 6
Page 116 by C. Rice
Clerk.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Revolutionary Claim.

I certify that, in conformity with the law of the United States
of the 7th June, 1832, *Leonard Wills* —
of the State — of *Georgia* —
who was a *Private in the War of the Revolution*

is entitled to receive *Twenty* — dollars and
— cents per annum, during his natural life, commencing on
the 4th of March, 1831, and payable semi-annually on the 4th of March, and
4th of September, in every year.

GIVEN at the War Office of the United
States, this *27* day of
August — one thousand eight
hundred and thirty-*three*

John C. Calhoun
Secretary of War.

Examined and }
Countersigned. }

Geo. W. Crump

acting Commissioner of Pensions.

Sarah Wills,
Div: of
Seonard,

Geo:

Admit for \$20. per An:
COM: Feb: 3, 1853. under
the 2: Sec: of the Act of Feb:
3, 1853.

Cert: to

John H. Noyes, Esq:
Present.

The Wm Office.
Oct: 27th 1858.

Mr. The Claim of Milley Caspers
for a ~~free~~ ~~State~~ under the Act of 3^d.
Feb: 1853. the second Section
thereof, will be favorably
considered when proof is filed
that she is a free woman.

of Court should be filed

Certificate

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Add. Evidence ¹⁶⁰

Leonard Wills.
decd
Sarah - widow

In fee "act 3 Feb 1853

Boynston

From Mr. H. W.
A. Heworth
Geo

John H. Woyles
Attorney
Present

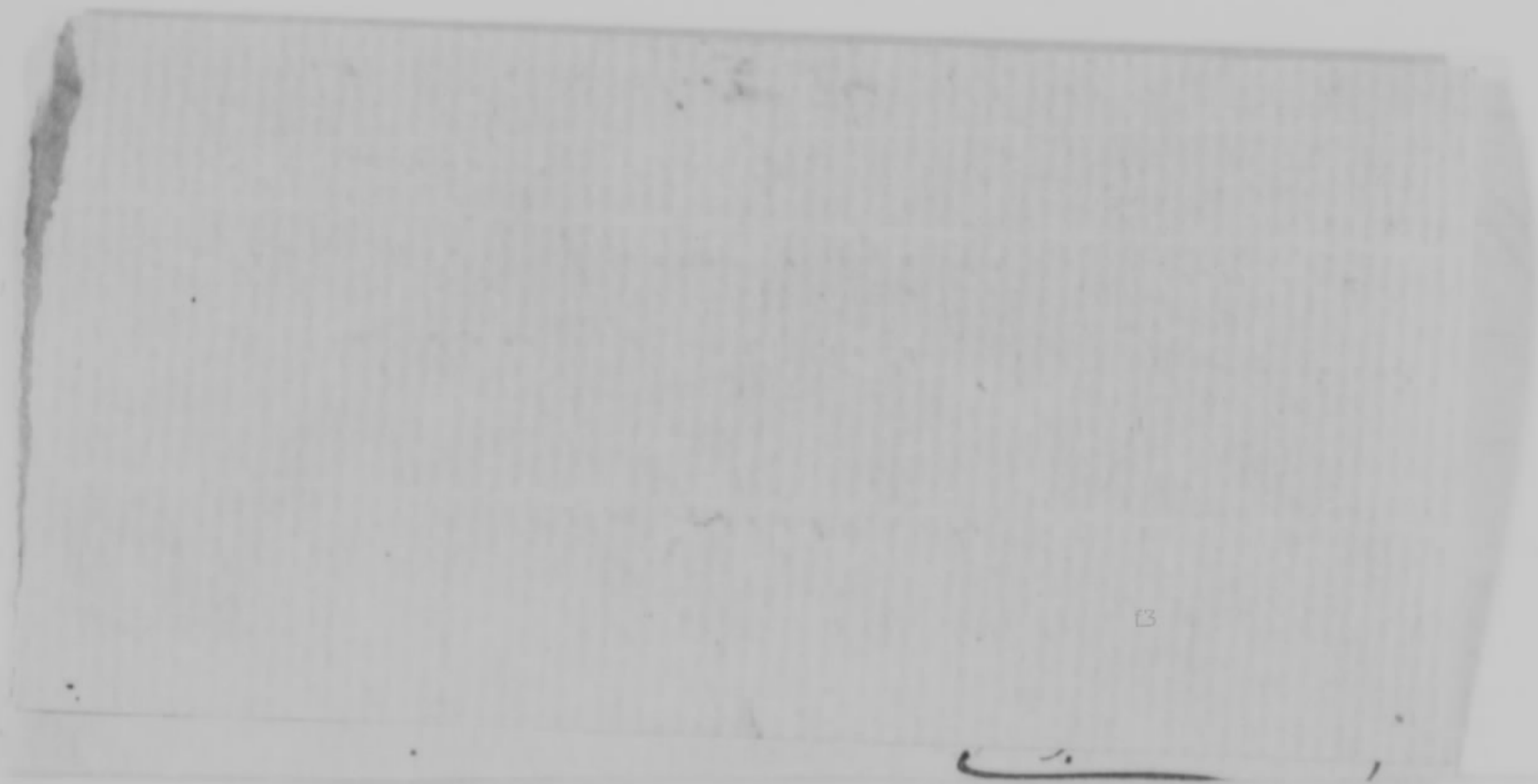
Washington Nov 8. 1838

Com^{rs} of Penitents

Sir

I enclose a letter from the Clk of the
County of Essex Co N.Y. showing that there is no record
of the manage of Leonard Wills - This, taken with
the evidence already filed, together with that upon which
he obtained Bond, will I think be sufficient to es-
tablish his claim to Penitens under the act
of 3^d July 1833.

Respectfully
Yours
C. H. Hoxey



To Mr. Hall
Anchorage, Alaska

Parsons N. Collet 4/5/57

Dear Sir your letter inquiring
after the records of the T. Homage
of Leonard Mills is read and
I have searched but find no
record of it

Your county was divided
3 or 4 years ago and names
also formed but I can not
be there for they have no records
older than this county

Respectfully yours

W. A. Jones

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Comptroller's Office,

January 7th 1839.

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," Leonard Williams, ——— a Pensioner on the Roll of the Georgia Agency, at the rate of Twenty Dollars and ——— Cents per annum, under the law of the 7th June 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4th of Sept. 1838, to the 4th March 1839.

Respectfully, yours,

Abner K. Parrish
Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions,

Present.

Pension Agency Planters Bank
Savannah 20 Sept 1837

A. D. Edwards Esq
Comptroller of Pensions
Sir

I enclose Vouchers of
Leonard Mills whose application is for Eighteen
Months pensions for your approval and authority
to pay

Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
James H. Carter
Pens Agent

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Comptroller's Office,

January 11th 1841.

Sir :

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," Leonard Mills, ——— a Pensioner on the Roll of the Georgia Agency, at the rate of Twenty Dollars and ——— Cents per annum, under the law of the 4th June 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4th of Sept. 1839, to the 4th March 1840.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. H. Perdue

Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions,

Present.

Brief in the case of

Sarah Will's widow of Leonard.
Spaulding County and State of Georgia,
act 3. Feb. 1853.

Claim, ("original," ~~and for increase~~)

Proof exhibited, (if original.)

Is it documentary, traditional, or supported by rolls? If either, state the substance.

Husband was Pensioner under the Act of 7th June, 1832,
at the rate of \$20. per annum.

Your witnesses testify,
that the parties lived & cohabited together & were
generally reputed to be husband & wife for 40 years;

Husband died
Sept: 22nd 1852, as appears from the affidavits of
(If for increase.)

Has additional evidence been filed since the admission of the claim? If so, what?

four credible affidavits & the report of the Third
Auditor.

Proof of cohabitation & identity is satisfactorily established.

John M. Noyes Esq^r

Name and residence of Agent

Present,

A. C. Rapp
Examining Clerk.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

May 26th 1842.

Sir:

Under the date of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States,"

Leonard Hill,

a Pensioner on the Roll of the Savannah, Georgia Agency, at the rate of Twenty Dollars and Cents per annum, under the law of the 4th June 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4th of Sept. 1840, to the 4th Sept. 1841.

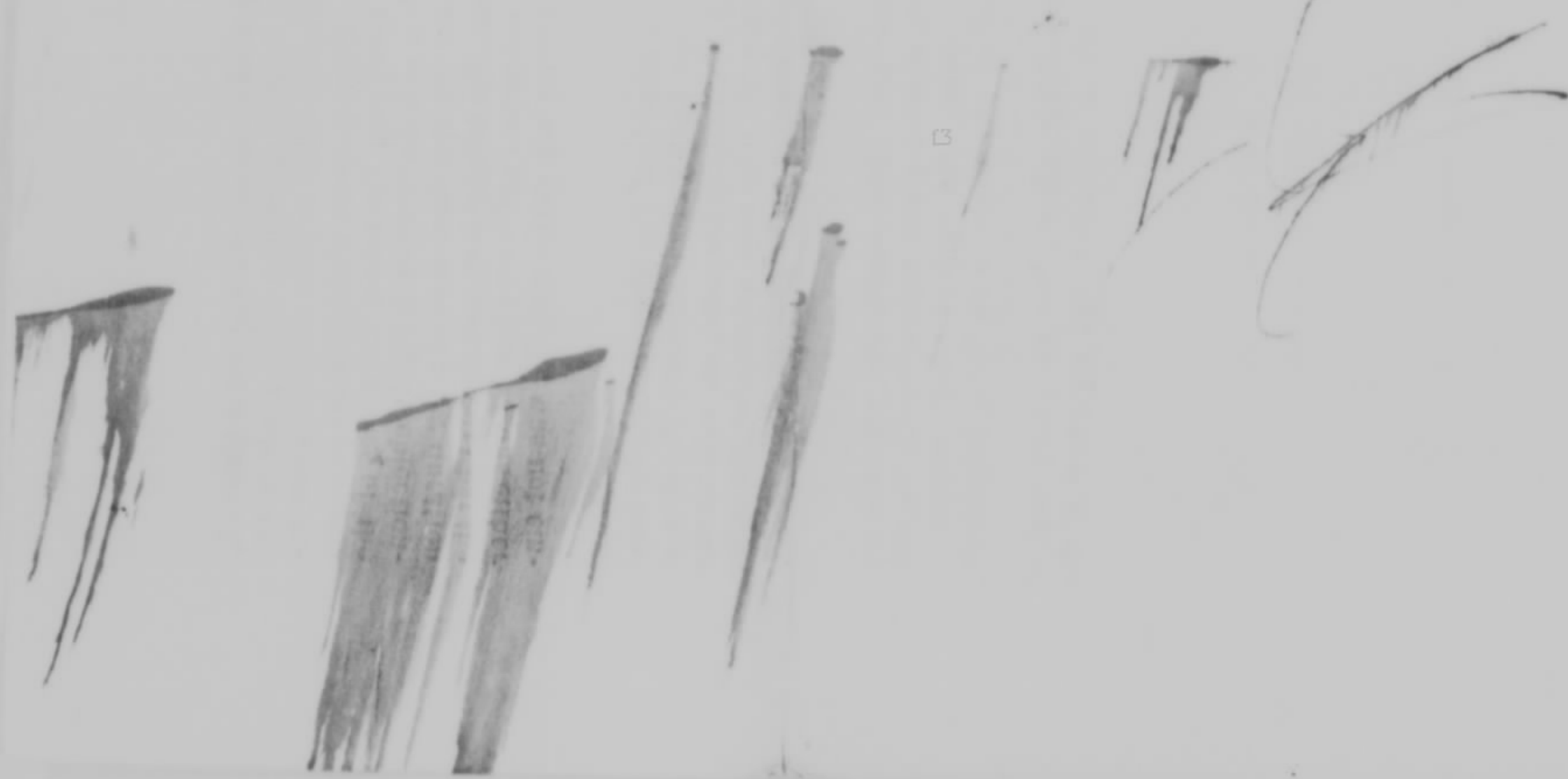
Respectfully, yours,

Wm. H. Harris

COMPTROLLER.

To the COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
Present.

Leonard Will,



BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of *Leonard Mills* which require further proof or explanation.

- I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? *Yes*
- II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? *Yes*
- III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?
- IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? *No.*
- V. * Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? *Yes*
- VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? *Yes*
- VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? *Yes*
- VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? *Yes*
- IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? *Yes*
- X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? *Yes*

XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? *Yes*

XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it?

XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had? *Yes*

XIV. † If the applicant's name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service?

If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses?

Has the proper officer certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct?

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service?

XVI. ‡ Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? *Yes*

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered? *1. 2. 7. not answered*

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

* QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

“ Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For _____ year _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____ For _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____; and for such service I claim a pension.

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the tours; the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must in every case be clearly shewn under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

QUERÉ XIV. *Proof of Service.*

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

QUERÉ XVI. *Mode of authenticating papers.*

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

In every case where the clerk of the court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

Pension - 2nd Sec -
Act 3 Feb 1853

Sarah Wells
and
Leonard Wells

For M. Hill
Ackworth Geo

Filed by
John H. Hayes
Attorney
Present

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Know all men by these Presents, That I, Sarah Wills of the county of Paulding and State of Georgia, widow of Leonard Wills, late a pensioner for Revolutionary services, and whose application for pension under the act of 3 Feb'y, 1853, has been suspended and is now in file in the Pension Office, at Washington, D. C., do hereby constitute and appoint John A. Noyes of Washington City D.C. my true and lawful attorney, to prosecute my claim before said office, and receive my Bounty Land Warrant or Certificate for delivery or transmission to me. And I hereby revoke all power or powers of attorney heretofore given in the premises.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 12th day of August 1858.

Test J. G. Mills
Test H. J. Wills

Witnesses. Sarah Wills
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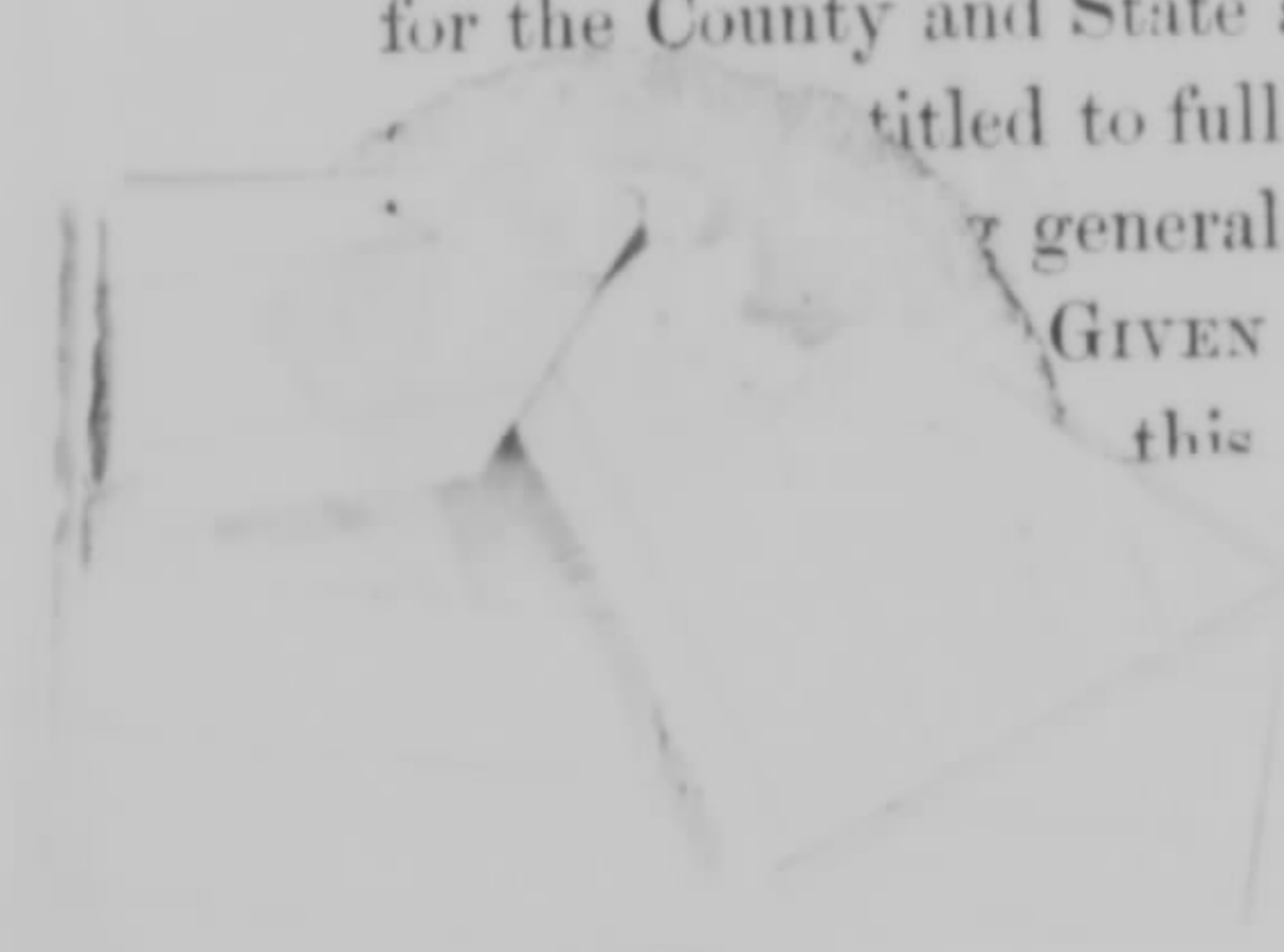
Acknowledged and subscribed before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Paulding and State of Georgia this 12th day of August 1858.

Isaac Osborne J.P. SEAL

STATE OF Georgia
COUNTY OF Paulding

I, Solomon S. Stickland Clerk of the County Court, in and for the County and State above mentioned, do hereby certify that Isaac Osborne whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing declaration, affidavit, and power of attorney, is, and was at the time of signing the same, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit; and that the aforesaid County Court is a Court of general jurisdiction.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office, at Dallas this 31st day of August 1858
Solomon S. Stickland Clerk.



September 14 1858

Mrs. Pensions
In

I enclose herewith a Power
of Attorney from Sarah Wills and in y^e name of Leonard
Wills to present her claim to Pension under
Act 3rd ~~March~~^{July} 1853 - 2nd section -

This claim has been
suspended for Proof of marriage. This
proof has been furnished and will be
found with the papers upon which
warrant No 31715 to "H. A. Crew was is"
sent under Act 3rd March 1853 to said
Sarah Wills - and to which papers
I beg leave to refer

Res^{ty}
M. A. Noyes
Attorney for
Sarah Wills

State of Georgia on this 13th day of October
pending to 3 1856 personally appears before
me A. J. Smith Sarah Wills a Resident of
pendding County aged 83 years who being
first duly sworn according to Law, doth
make the following declaration in order to
obtain the benefits of the provision made
by the act of Congress pass the 3^d February
1853 Granting the Removal of half pay to certain
widows and orphans, that she is the widow of
Samuel Wills who was a private in Com-
pany Commanded by Captain [unclear] in the
[unclear] Regiment of [unclear]
Commanded by [unclear] in Revolution war
and Received twenty Dollars per year.

and payable in the State of Georgia
for further proof of marriage proof of
my husbands service proof of his death and
proof of my present widowhood I Refer
to the [unclear] in session of which I
am still a widow sworn to and
before me this the 13th day of Oct 1856

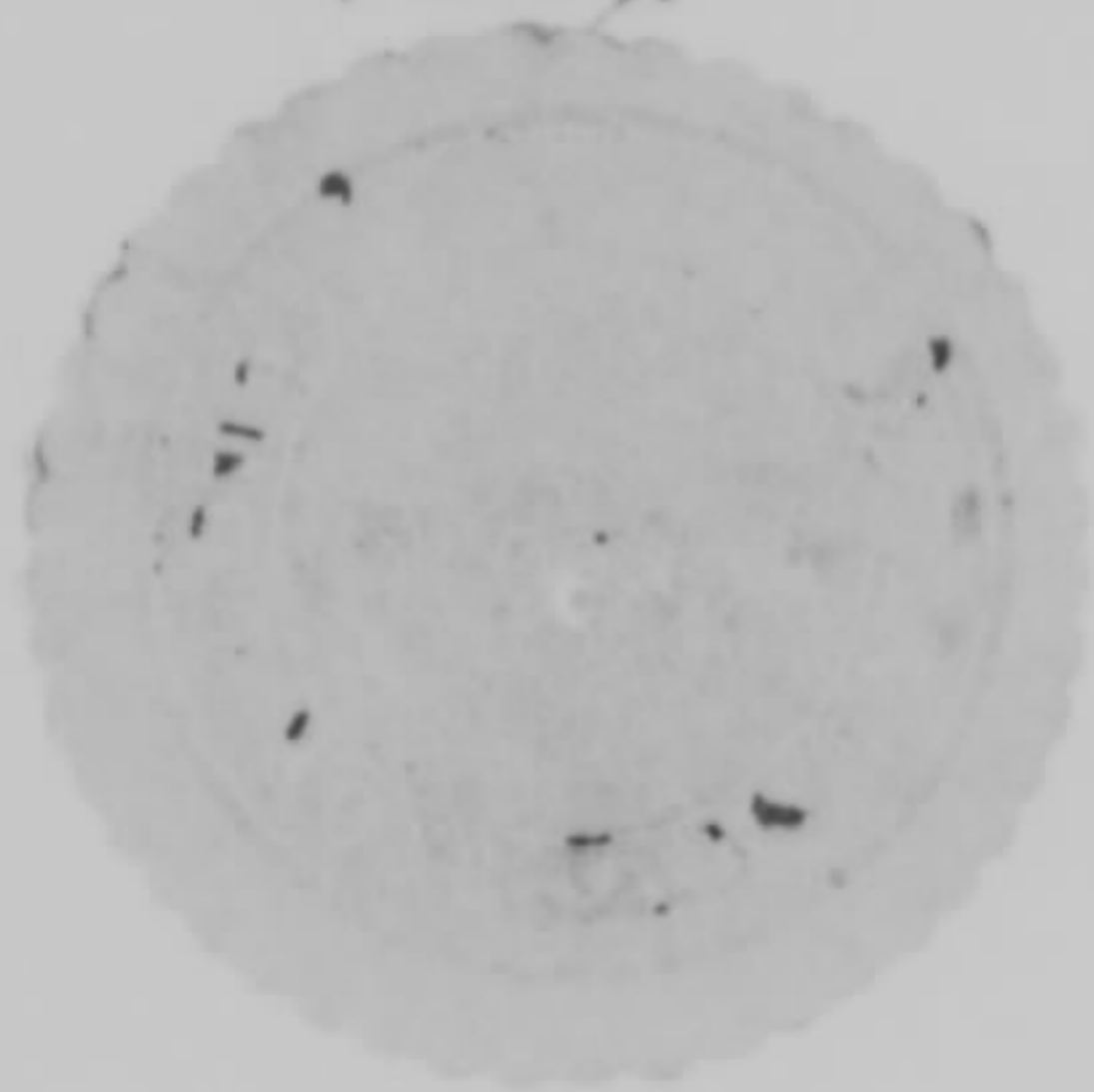
J. W. Walker
G. J. [unclear]

Sarah Wills
Wife

A. C. Brantley Jr.

State of Georgia of Solomon S. Strickland
pendding County of Clerk of the Superior
Court in and for said County and State
~~do hereby certify that~~ do hereby Certify that
A. C. Brantley is and acting Justice of
the peace in and for said County duly
Commissioned and Qualified and that

his signature above written is
his and is genuine and full faith
and credit should be given as
such given under my hand and
Seal of this Court This 12th day of
Oct in the year of our Lord four
Thousand Eight hundred and fifty
Six



Solomon D. Stickland Clerk

State of Georgia }
Pauldin County } On this the 28th day of May,
A. G. Brintle a Justice of the peace of Pauldin
County, } Dennis Sippins and after being duly
sworn Deposeth and sayth that has bin acquaint-
ed with Lenard Mills Sarah Mills his wife for the
space of forty years, and know they cohabited as
man and wife, and that Lenard Mills deceased
September 22 1852 And that the said Sarah Mills
is now a widow

Dennis Sippins

A. G. Brintle

State of Georgia }
Pauldin County } Before me a Justice of the
peace in Pauldin County, appeared
Dennis S. Sippins and after being
sworn sayeth that he has bin acquainted with
Lenard Mills and Sarah Mills his wife for the space
of twenty five years and know that they lived
together as man and wife and was so reputed
and that Lenard Mills deceased September 22^d
1852. and that the said Sarah Mills is now
a widow

Dennis S. Sippins

29th May 1856

A. G. Brintle

State of Georgia on This Eightth day
Saulding County of December 1857
personally appeared before the Court
of Record Sarah Wills A Resident
of Paulding County aged Seventy eight years
who, being first sworn according to Law,
doth, in her oath make the following declaration
in that she is widow of Samuel Wills deceased,
who was a private in Company of White
do not Recollect Captain name do not
~~see~~ see Battalion nor Regiment I do not
see Revolutionary War she state she
was married to the said Samuel Wills
a. in the year 1811.

That she is still a widow and that she
she is the wife of the person Samuel Wills, of the
husband name that her said husband received
Twenty ^{dollars} yearly up to the time his death that
her said husband died 23rd September 1852,
that she is still a widow she further state
that she said ~~husband~~ ~~received~~ ~~the~~ ~~sum~~ ~~of~~ ~~11~~ ~~dollars~~
that she received 100 ~~dollars~~ ~~and~~ ~~some~~ ~~more~~ ~~for~~ ~~her~~ ~~husband~~
Saves, of which all my declarations is in file to which
I refer you shewn to and subscribed this 8th day
of December 1857 in open Court
J. D. Foot Clerk, J. C. Sarah Wills
Marr

I J. D. Foot do certify that this is a
Court of Record, and that Sarah
Wills was sworn in open Court
given under my hand and seal of this
Court
J. D. Foot Clerk