

State of South Carolina
County of Fairfield

December 30th 1898.

Personally appeared before me, W. G. Smith, a magistrate in and for the said County and State, Miss Eliza C. Nelson, who being duly sworn says: I am now about ~~eighty~~ ^{eighty two} years of age and am a direct descendant of James Nelson who was my grand father and he married a Miss Woodward, a daughter of Thomas Woodward, and their son Thomas Nelson was my father.

My grand mother, who was Miss Woodward before she married my grand father James Nelson, made a flax or linen handkerchief when she was a young girl years before the revolutionary war and that handkerchief has been handed down from generation to generation until now I am the owner of it.

My grand mother spun the flax and wove the fabric out of which the handkerchief was made. We estimate this handkerchief to be about one hundred and fifty years old, and it is now in a fairly good state of preservation, the most damage it shows was caused by being buried for a week in the ground without anything around it. That burial was caused by the approach of Sherman's army through this County. The handkerchief in color is blue and white plaid and measures thirty inches square.

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It is hemmed like the ordinary handkerchief that is hemmed by hand. It has one hole near the center that would measure something like an inch round and then there are several other rents in it of smaller dimensions. This handkerchief passed through the revolutionary war, and through our late civil war and has always been taken the greatest care of and been preserved as a precious relic of the days before the American Revolution.

E. E. Nelson

Sworn to before me
This 30 day of Dec 1888
W. G. Smith (S)

Magistrate