

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 any
thing 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 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.

C. C. Silsbee

Sworn to before me

This 30 day of Dec 1852

Wm. G. Smith (S. J.)

Notary Public

The Miss Woodward who
married James Nelson, (Sr.) was
named Margaret Woodward, a
daughter of Thomas Woodward
The Regulator, and sister of
William Woodward, (your line)

6-24-1945-

To Verda & Jos W. Hall -

From G. Hall.