

Pension Application for Andrew Dowling

W.17113 (Catharine McDougal, former widow)

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

On this twenty second day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Oneida Catharine McDougal a resident of the town of Boonville in said County of Oneida aged eighty years of age and upwards but how much upwards of eighty and in what month born the deponent cannot tell and has no record of her age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July fourth eighteen hundred thirty six and the act of explanatory of said act passed March 3d 1837.

That she was named Catharine Thompson when a girl and that she was married to Andrew Dowling, who was a Revolutionary Soldier enlisted during the War of the Revolution to serve to its conclusion, and was a soldier until the end of the war and served as a matross in the New York Regiment of Artillery under the command of one Capt. Thomas who came to the house of this deponent in State Street in Albany with some relative of this deponent who was also an officer in the war of the revolution but who he was or what grade this deponent does not recollect.

She further declares that she was married to the said Andrew Dowling in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight or seventy-nine and can not state which and has no record of the marriage of this applicant with the said Andrew Dowling.

That her husband the aforesaid Andrew Dowling died in the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two or three but on what day or month this applicant cannot tell & has no record of the same.

That one John Roorback who was at the time an alderman of the City of Albany married this deponent and the said John Roorback became insane.

Some time before he died and left his residence in Albany and went into the Country and died a great many years ago, but with whom he died or at what place this deponent cannot say and she has no record of the said marriage with Andrew Dowling and does not know that the said John Roorback kept any record of the said marriage.

This deponent well remembers Nancy VanVoort lived in the same house as this deponent in Albany and knew me & my husband Andrew Dowling very well.

That this applicant had one child by Andrew Dowling who was about three years of age when the husband of this deponent (Andrew Dowling died).

That this applicant was about two or three years after the death of Andrew Dowling married to Peter McDougal who died seventeen years ago last fall that she was a widow on the 4th day of July 1836 and still remains a widow and has remained such widow since the death of the said Peter McDougal as above stated. (Signed with her mark) Catharine McDougal

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. And I further certify that the applicant cannot from bodily infirmity attend the court. Arnon Comstock as Judge of Oneida Common Pleas.