

Pension Application for William Gould or Goold

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State of New York

County of Tompkins SS.

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On this the tenth day of Dec 1853 personally before me William Gould aged fifty four years—being duly sworn says that on the twenty sixth day of February AD 1841 at Reading in the County of Steuben & State afforsaid [aforesaid] William Gould deceased & deponent further says that he has known the deponent Sara Gould & did know her said husband William who cohabited together as man & wife from the infancy of this deponent which is over forty years & is still acquainted with deponent Sarah Gould who now resides in the family of this deponent. Deponant further says that he was at the burial of the said William on the twenty eight day of February (1841) at the town of Reading in the County of Steuben State afforsaid & was acquainted with the said William Gould for the Space of over thirty years previous to his death. Deponent further says that the said Sarah Gould is from his best opinion & long acquainted so bodily infirmed that she canot [cannot] be conveyed to a court of record is there is none held within eighteen miles of the residence of the said Sara deponent further says that he believes the said Sarah Gould to [be] of the age of eighty six years & deponent further says not. (Signed with his mark) William Gould

Sworn & subscribed before me this the tenth day of December 1853 Grover S. Bailey

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On this tenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty three personally appeared before me G. S. Bailey Esqrs Justis [Justice] of the town of Hector in the County & State aforesaid, aged eighty six years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 to 1853 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to widows.

That she is the widow of William Gould—who was drafted in Underdunks Company of Militia in the year 1780 at Orange County State aforesaid, went to West Point in the State aforesaid while in the regular Servis as this deponent has been informed by her said husband William Gould—as she believes to be true.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Gould on the 12th day of April 1782 as will appear by the family record hereunto anexed [annexed]. And that her said husband afforsaid died on the twenty sixth day of February 1841 at Reading in the County of Steuben & State afforsaid that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the servis but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz at the time above stated.

She further swears that she is now a widow and that she has not previous before made any application for a pension owing in which this affidavit is to accompany—

She further declares that she has cohabited with her said husband the said William ever since her marriage until he death afforsaid and is still the widow of the said husband William Gould.

Deponent further says not. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Gould

Sworn and subscribed before me this the tenth day of December 1853 Grover S. Bailey, Justis of the peace in and for the county of Tompkins.