

Pension Application for John Groat

R.4364 (Widow: Sarah) John died the winter of 1815.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 4th July 1836.

State of New York

Green County SS.

On the twelfth day of May in the year 1838 personally appeared before me Henry Goslee Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of green and State of New York Sarah Groat resident of the Town of Windham in the county of Green and State of New York aged ninety years old 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 4th 1836, she says that she is the widow of JohnG, formerly from the Town of Clavarack in the County of Columbia State of New York, she says that her husband, John Groat was a corporal in Captain Jacob Philips Company in Colonel Robert VanRansalears [VanRensselaer] Regiment almost all the Revolutionary War as her said husband always informed her as well as others, although she says that she has heard him say that he was out in some companies under other officers, forgets their names well knows that he was absent from his family during the most of the Revolutionary War except at times when he came home from the army to see me, and my husband's children, and his friends, and when he came home on his visits he always appeared in a soldier military dress.

His friends and neighbours always said that he was in the service, when they spoke of him, and she further says that she believes that he served down to New York or near there and at the northward and some time in the North River and she further says that she and her husband John Groat were lawfully married together sometime in the fall of the year 1766. Says that the reverend John G. Gebhart minister of the Gospel married them, and she says that he has been dead many years, and she further says she is now the widow of the said John Groat and has never been married since his death.

She further says that she was married and had four daughters before the Revolutionary War. I was born in the year 1748. I f I am no mistaken and I was lawfully married to my said Husband in the year 1766 if I am not mistaken. We were dumb people of very little learning and that in dutch and kept no record of our age & marriage, I well know that I had four children all daughters born before the Revolutionary War the oldest named Elisabeth, the next Chatharina, the next Mariah the next was Sarah now the wife of Adna Beach of Lexington, she says that she never knew whether the Reverend John G. Gebhard ever kept any record of marriages, or not. She says that her maiden name before she married the said John Groat was Sarah Bowman, and she further says that her said husband never had any pension as she ever heard of believes, he died before the pension law took place and she further says that her husband John Groat died sometime in winter in the year 1815 [?]

aforesaid and she further says that she has no other evidence that she knows of to prove the services of her said husband than that accompanies there proceedings.

And she further says that her widowhood will more fully appear by reference to the proof thereto annexed. And she further says that she is a very old woman and her memory is very far from being good as it once was that what she has. That she was sworn to is according to her best remembrance and belief is certain of the most she has sworn to is according to her that remembrance and belief is certain of the most she has sworn to but all that she knows of his services for the army and in what companies and regiments, he served in she only knows from what her husband and others that were with him told her, all she knows about it is that he was almost the whole of the time during the revolutionary war, about from home, in the service as he and those informed her, that he lived at Claverack aforesaid when and where he entered the service. She further says she has seven children now living. (Signed) Sarah Groat

Sworn and subscribed this twelfth day of May 1838 before me Henry Goslee one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Green State of New York.