

Pension Application for Gould John Sellick

W.16400 (Widow: Elizabeth Miller, married Gould John Sellick April 24, 1773. Rev. Mr. Seward was the clergyman from Stanwich who performed the ceremony.) Gould died 5th February 1812. Private in Regt commanded by Col. Silliman. 18 ½ months.

State of New York

West Chester County SS.

Solomon Close of the town of White Plains in said county being duly sworn on his oath says, that he is now seventy six years of age, that he was well acquainted with Gould John Selleck now dec'd during the revolutionary war, that said Gould John Sellick served as a private in the war of the revolution as follows, that he entered on or about the month of March or April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six in the company commanded by Abraham Mead in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Syleman for the term of five or six months. That said Sellick then resided in the town of Greenwich in the State of Connecticut that he was in the army under Genl Washington during said term and was in New York and believes in the battle of White Plains in the said County of WestChester, and as deponent believes served out the time and was then honorably discharged. And deponent further saith that the said Gould John Sellick again entered the service of the united States in the company commanded by Captain David Wood and served through the war and further that he knows that the said Gould John Sellick served more than six years as a private in the revolutionary war—and at the expiration thereof believes that he said Sellick was honorably discharged—further deponent saith not. (Signed) Solomon Close

Sworn and subscribe this 25th day of February 1837 before me, James Dick, Justice of the Peace.

State of Connecticut

Fairfield County SS.

Benjamin Brush of the Town of Greenwich and State of Connecticut aged 74 years being duly sworn on his oath saith that he always understood and believes that Gould John Sellick was a private soldier in the service of the United States during the War of the Revolution in 1776 for some 7 or 7 months and that he was at the battles on Long Island and at the White Plains that he was attached to Captain Abraham Mead's Company of Infantry of the militia of the State of Connecticut in the Regiment under the command of [?] Gould John Sillick.

And this deponent further saith that said Gould John Sillick again enlisted in a volunteer company of Rangers in the service of the United States in or about the first of April 1779 which company was under the command of Captain David Wood of the militia of the State of Connecticut, that this deponent was a private and belonged to the same company and that said Sillick enlisted for the period of seven months. That said company was attached to Col. John Allard's Regiment being part of said company. Regiment that said company was in active service in the field for said term of seven months that said Sillick continued in said company until the close of said term when he was himself discharged from said service.

And the deponent further saith that said Gould John Sillick was again enlisted in said Wood's company on or about the first day of January in the year 1780 for the period of between three & four months that this deponent belonged to said

company at the said time that said Sillick served out his term and was then again discharged for said service. That said service was in the field and on the lines.

And the deponent further saith that he has always understood that said Sillick continued under the command of said Wood until the close of the war & he has no doubt that in the whole he many have served at least two years but after the second tour of service in said Wood's company as above stated this deponent left the service & moved to the north. (Signed) Benjamin Brush

Sworn this 29th day of June 1838 before me. Conklin Husted, Justice of the Peace.

In a deposition, which is badly faded, and dated 1837, Elizabeth Sellick stated she is a resident of the town of Phillipstown in the County of Putnam, aged eighty one years on the sixth of March last past. At the time of Gould John Sellick's enlistment he was a resident in the County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut. They married the 24th day of April 1773 at Bedford in the County of Westchester, State of New York and that he died on the 5th day of February in the year 1812.

The War Department contended there wasn't sufficient proof because Waterbury was a Colonel in 1775 only, Sillyman had for a limited time the command of a regiment of State Troops. Sillyman raised a regiment in June 1776 to serve until the end of the year unless sooner discharged, few men in the regiment served over 5 months. Elizabeth had to supply more witnesses to her husband's service, apparently she was successful in proving his service.