

Pension Application for Peter Woodward

W.19656 (Widow: Mary) Mary Fowler and Peter Woodward married May 1, 1792. Peter died August 27, 1811.

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State of New York

Tompkins County SS

On the Eleventh day of November Eighteen hundred & forty one personally appeared before John Saylor Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Tompkins, Mary Woodward a resident of the town of Hector in the County of Tompkins aged seventy six years, 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 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Lieutenant Peter Woodward who was a lieutenant in the Army of the United States in the war of the revolution.

That the said Peter Woodward had two commissions both of which this declarant has present at the time of making this declaration. The first is dated at Philadelphia on the 21st day of April 1780 signed "Sam Huntington President" and confer on the said Peter Woodward the rank of "a second lieutenant in the second battalion of artillery" "from the first day of February 1777:--the other is dated the twenty eighth day of April 1783 and gives the rank of "a first Lieutenant in the New York Regiment of Artillery" "from the 23d day of March 1781" signed "Elias Boudinot" and by "B. Lincoln Secretary at War".

That this declarant has understood and believes that the said Peter Woodward entered the army at or soon after the commencement of the war and served until the army was disbanded but she has not in her possession any other commission than those above mentioned though she has always understood and believes that he entered the army as an officer.

And she further declares that the said Peter Woodward for such revolutionary services merited & received two lots of land from the State of New York one of which was lot number sixty eight in the township of Hector aforesaid the another lot number seventy two in the township of Fabias—that this declarant and such of the children of the said Peter Woodward as have remained in her family have resided on said lot number sixty eight on Hector since the autumn of eighteen hundred sixteen & still reside thereon.

She further declares that she was married to the said Peter Woodward at Guilford in the State of Connecticut on the first day of May one thousand seven hundred & ninety two. That her husband the aforesaid Peter Woodward died on the twenty seventh day of August Eighteen hundred & eleven—that she was not married to him prior to his having the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred & ninety four viz. at the time above stated.

That her maiden name was Mary Fowler and the marriage ceremony was performed by her father Amos Fowler who was a minister of the Gospel. That search

has been made at Guilford aforesaid where she was married to ascertain of any record of her said marriage exists and she has not been able to find any, and she believes there is none in existence except the annexed family record.

That the annexed record is taken from the family Bible of the said Peter Woodward and the record of the marriage is in his hand writing which the said annexed record is taken with the said record therein in the family of the said Peter Woodward and before and after his death and she knows the record of the said marriage of the said Peter & Mary was made therein as much as forty years ago. (signed) Sarah Baldwin.

Sworn to and subscribed on the eleventh day of November 1841 before me, and I certify that I know the character of the said Sarah Baldwin and that she is a highly credible witness and her deposition entitled to full credit & confidence. John Saylor a Judge of Tompkins Com Pleas.

Births

Peter Woodward & Mary Fowler were Married at Guilford by her Father the Rev'd Mr. Amos Fowler May 1st 1792.

Richard Rosewell Woodward Born at New Haven March 10th 1793 being Sunday at 3 O'clock AM

Sarah Hart Woodward born at New Haven June 10th 1794 being Tuesday at 9 O'clock AM.

Henry Hart Woodward born at New York June 27th 1796 being Monday at 11 O'clock PM

Mary Jennett Woodward born at New York July 1st 1798 being Sunday at 1 O'clock AM
Charlotte Caroline Woodward born at New Haven March 29th 1800 being Saturday at 4 o'clock PM

Harriot Henrietta Woodward born at New York July 23^d 1803 being Saturday at 9 o'clock PM

William Henry Woodward born at New York Jan'y 14th 1806 being Wednesday at 9 o'clock AM

Horatio Hart Woodward born at New York March 17th 1808 being Thursday at 12 o'clock Meridian

Deaths in Peter Woodward's [sic] Family

My Brother Richard Junr died at [Irinadada?] June 21st 1793 being Friday.

My Father Richard Woodward died at East Haven.

My daughter Sarah Hart Woodward died at Guilford September 20th 1795.

Henry Hart Woodward died at New York Augt 18th 1797.

My Brother Rosewell Woodward was lost at Sea Sept 1796 supposed to be the 5th in a Gale of Wind.

My Brother John Woodward died at East Haven.

My son William Henry Woodward died at Guilford July 13th 1806.

My sister Sarah Russell died at Westchester August 8th 1807.

Peter Woodward died at New York August 27th 1811 being Tuesday at twelve o'clock aged fifty eight years, eight months.