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# ISAAC DAVIS POST, No. 138

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

West Acton, Mass., SUN16 1920 mussioner Pensions Washington D.C. Dear Bonrado. 2 am writing son on behalf of Comrade Samuel a Builford Jour Post, His application for Pension fortatal blindness, was sents June 11th and your Card of recent was received dated June 14th affidavits from Physician and attendants were duly sent as requested. He didnor receive the tytra Pension Sehr 4th as Expected and desires to Know The Status and when he may Expect it Kis Rension Certificate is number 1087611
will son kindly advise Bennin FC 45 D H Hall Bommander

Receipt acknowledged by Mail & Supplies Division.

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HALL STAPLES M. D. WEST ACTON, MASS.

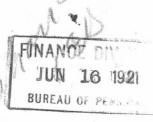
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West Acton, Mass., June 11 1921

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of Samuel A. Suilord 1087611 who Died
May 11th 1921 and Could Not get Dr Mibarths of
Marlboro to examine and fill out his final
papers for an increase of plevision from 50 to 72
her mouth which was the Somethment fault,
according to a report in the hational Tribune of
May 5. 1921, Can the Widow draw this increas
up to his death or any portion of it.
If so please send the the proper blanks to
be filled out and severn to by proper witnesses
for which the family would kindly appreciate

JUN S.

Seorge L. Towne.

May 7, 1921

Mr. George L. Towne Commander, Isaad Davis Post No.138, G.A.R. West Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Comrade:

I have your letter of May 2, 1921, regarding the claim for pension, Inv. Ctf. No. 1087,611, of Samuel A. Guilford, who served in Co. I. 8 Mass. Inf.

This soldier is in receipt of pension at the rate of \$50 per month, and has filed a claim for the increased rate of \$72 per month under the Act of May 1, 1920. As it appears from evidence on file that he is, and was at the date of filing his claim for increase, totally blind, I have directed immediate consideration of his case.

You also refer to the claim, Inv. Ctf. No. 207061, of Calvin N. Holbrook. This soldier is in receipt of \$50 per month, and has filed a claim for the increased rate of \$72 per month under the Act of May 1, 1920.

In this case an order for the claimant's examination at his home was directed to the secretary of the board of United States examining surgeons at Marlboro, Mass., on Jamuary 26, 1921. The certificate of the examining surgeon has not as yet reached this Bureau. This case also will receive immediate consideration, and steps will be taken to secure the medical examination of this claimant at an early date.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

Hashington Gardner

LJS/jml



# ACT OF MAY 1, 1920 DECLARATION FOR PENSION

The Pension Certificate should not be forwarded with the Application

STATE OF Maspachusetts, COUNTY OF Madlesox 88:
On thisday ofA. D. 1926, personally appeared before the a
within and for the county and State aforesaid, and state aforesaid aforesaid and state aforesaid afores
sworn according to law, declares that he is years of age, and a resident of west across that he is years of age, and a resident of west across that he is the
identical person who was ENROIDED at 10 d ymn Manachusetts, under the name
of Camuel a Sulford on the 25 day of august 1862
as a Private in Co J. get Regl Man Militia Vols
in the service of the United States, in the
war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Wenham her, on the 7 day of Curgust 186,3
That he also served (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any)
That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal
eyes color of hair brown; that his occupation was - brown;
that he was born and 5th 1842 at Jawich Mass
Total Blindnes. Loco Moto Otavia Teguring. When the regular personal aid and attendance of another firson is required.
That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:
East Saugus Mass. removing to West action. West sollies
That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 1087611 That he has Mot applied for pension under original
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That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of May 1, 1920.
Delette H. Hall Samuel a Hulford
(1) Signature of first witness.)  (Signature of second witness.)  (Address of first witness.)  (Claimant's address in full.)  (Signature of second witness.)
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(Address of second witness.)
Subscribed and sworn to before me thisday of
certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant
before swearing, including the words
(b. s.] erased, and the words, added,
and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.
076l (Signature.)
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NOI (Official character.)
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West Acton Mars June 19:11 1920 This is to Cerlify Mal Mr Samuel A. Guilford of West Actor Mais. Had Locomolar Atoxia for years, and he has him blind for 5 years has him confined to the Haure for years he is able to sit up every day for a few Hams he is helplus he require the regular personal air allendance of his wife in persmally appeared Stalements by him subscribed an true

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#### DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

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On this 5 day of minary, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and lively, personally appeared before me, a special Lonniscourithin and for the county
and State aforesaid, Samuel a Suilford, who, being duly sworn according to law,
declares that he is 50 years of age, and a resident of West action
county of Maddlesef, State of Mass.; and that he is the
identical person who was ENROLLED at Sangue under the name of
Samuel a Girlford, on the 25 day of angust, 1862
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in the service of the United States, in the war, and was Honorably Discharged (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)
at Wenham , on the 7 day of August 1863
That he also served (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)
na other service
That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated
above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 9/2 inches;
complexion, light; color of eyes, bue; color of hair, brown; that his occupation was blocks the ; that he was born January 5 18 42
at Spewich
That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:
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Mest action, Mass.
That he is now a pensioner. That he has heretofore applied for pension
(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)
That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of February 6, 1907.
He hereby appoints F. A. BICKNELL, Deputy Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, State
House, Boston, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim (Without fee);
That his post-office address is test total (Box 170), county of Middlesey
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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### PENSION DEPARTMENT, BOSTON.

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of Company 9, 8th Regiment	
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	P. O. Address. West Actor, mass.
4-7-97. 2000.	r. O. Address,

# DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

Act of April 19, 1908,

Amended by Act of September 8, 1916, and Act of May 1, 1920.

20.
STATE OF Massachusetts, COUNTY OF Middlesex 88:
On this 24 day of May, 1921, personally appeared before me, a tustice of the Peace
within and for the County and State aforesaid, Selen M. Sulford , who, being duly
sworn by me according to law, declares that she is
That she is the widow of Samuel 9. Gulford, who enlisted ang. 25, 186,2
at Langues, Mary under the name of Samuel. a. Fillford
as a frainate in Co. J. 8 th Regiment nom.
(Rank.)
(Here state company and regiment, if in the Army; or vessels, if in the Navy.)
and was honorably discharged during the CIVIL WAR.
That he also served (Here give a complete statement of all other military, naval, or coast guard service, if any, at whatever time rendered.)
That otherwise than as herein stated said soldier (or sailor) was not employed in the United States service.
That she was married to said soldier (or sailor) Skily 17, 1870, under the name of Ellen M. Keyes at West actor, Mars
by Rev. Wm K. Showie; that she had not been previously married; that he had-
been previously married to Lois G. Show  (Here state all prior marriages of either, and give the names and dates and places of death or divorce of all former consorts.)
(Here state all prior marriages of either, and give the names and dates and places of death or divorce of all former consorts.)  who died May 15, 1866 at Saugus Mass
and that neither she nor said soldier (er-sailor) was ever married otherwise than as stated above
(If any former husband rendered military or naval service, here describe same and give number of any pension claim based thereon.)
That said saldier (and ilor) died May 11. 1921 at Concord Mase
That said soldier (or sailer) died May 11, 1921, at Concord Masse that she was no X divorced from him; and that she has no X remarried since his death.
That the following are the ONLY children of the soldier (or sailor) who are NOW living and under sixteen years of age, namely:
(If he left no children under sixteen years of age, the claimant should so state.)
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That the above-named child of the soldier (or sailor)
{ is a are } member of her family and cared for by her.  That she has not heretofore applied for pension, the number of her former claim being; that said soldiers (or sailer) was a pensioner, the number of his pension certificate being 1087,611.
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(er sailer) wasa pensioner, the number of his pension certificate being 1087,611
She hereby appoints R. R. FLYNN, Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, State House, Boston,
her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim (without fee);
That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908, as amended by the ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916, and Act of May 1, 1920.
(Claiment's signature in full.)  Signature of first windess.)  Relmont Mass  Wast Aston Mass
(Address of first witness.) (Claimant's address in full.)
(2) addie L. Holt.
(1) Les M. Students Ellen M. Swifter (Claiment's signature in full.)  (Signature of first witness.)  (Address of first witness.)  (Claiment's signature in full.)  (Claiment's signature in full.)  (Claiment's address in full.)  (Claiment's address in full.)  (Claiment's address in full.)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of May 1921, and I hereby
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and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.
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R-302 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of informationshould be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in pin terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statoment of OCCUPATION is very important. See instruction on back CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STANDARD 1 PLACE OF DEATH (Place of death) Registered No. (Place of residence) pital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number) (If death oc rmy or Navy of the United States, give rank, Residence. State...... (Usual place of abode) Length of residence in city or town where death occ PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) 4 COLOR OR RACE 192 16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) arried ed from enu alive 6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) and that death occurred, on the date Months If LESS than Days The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: 1 day, ......hrs. \*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.) 6 or.... If STILLBORN, enter that fact here OCCUPATION OF DECEASED CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) 10 NAME OF FATHER PARENTS (State or country) Can 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER of certificate. 3, 19 2/ (Address) 14 19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL 15 20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS ż Mass 11-13-'19. 25,000

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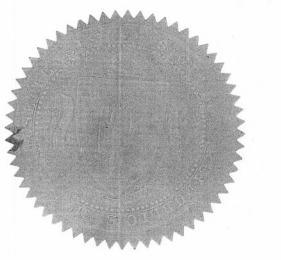
#### DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

BOSTON, May 26, 1921.
I Hereby Certify That the MARRIAGE of Samuel a. Guilford,
of acton, son of Eassuel P. and Joabella (Seward),
aged 28 years (2nd mar.), and Ellen M. Kleyen,
of acton, daughter of Frozy and Bucy (Robbins),
aged 25 years ( 1st mar.), solemnized at actor, on the
17th day of July in the year 1870, by Wm. R. Dewey, Cler-
gyman, appears of record in this Office by duly attested Return
of the Clerk of the Town of actor for that year.
WITNESS THE GREAT SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH hereunto

WITNESS THE GREAT SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH hereunto affixed at the date first above written.

F. W. Cook

Secretary of the Commonwealth.





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Samuel & Guilford epartment of the Interior.
Co. J., 8 Reg't Mess Ly BUREAU OF PENSIONS.
Sin: Washington, D. C., Deptember 28, 1897
Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The
information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.
West Actor
Middlesex Co
Mass
No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.
Answer: Ges - Ellen Maria Guilford - Ellen Maria Reyes
No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: July 17th 1840 at West Acton Mass by Rev William & Davey
No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: Recorded at the Clerk's office in the lown of Actor Mars
No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the
Died at East Saugus Mars May 15th 1866
No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their
birth. Answer: Les
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Date of reply, Oct 4 189 0.
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FICE Jamuel A. Guilford.  (Signature)

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., January 2, 1915.

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL A GUILFORD WEST ACTON MASS 1087611 ACT MAY

No 1 Detected place of hirth? Amount Jan. 5-1842. Itiswich Massachusetts.
No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. Jan. 5-1842. Its wich, Massachusetto.  The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. Co. S. 8 th M. V. M
No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. East Saugus. Mass.
No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. Ellew Maria (Keyes) Guily
No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. July 17-1870. Hest action.  Wassachusetts. Rev. William K. Davey.
No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage?
If so, where? Answer. Town of actoul- Massachusetts.
No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her
death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer
Lois addie Shaw: Aug 2-1863.
Died East Saugus. Mass. May 15- 1866
No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage
and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any miltary or naval service, and, if so give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let you
answer include all former husbands. Answer.
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No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. Que Tow Curing
mith her.
No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.
- alice S. (Guilford) Stevens. Oct 7-1864
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George M. Guilford. June 27- 1880
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Date april 2-1915 (Signature) Smull & Guilford

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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#### DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

	Boston,	May 26, 1921.
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affixed at the	date first above	written.
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## STATE AID AND PENSION DEPARTMENT,

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

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