

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Essex - ss.

On this 15th day of March
A. D. 1880 personally came before me, Clerk of the
Superior Court within and for said County,
Rosanna Miner sometimes called Rose Miner a
resident of Lawrence in said County who on oath
deposes and says that she is the identical
person named in a certain pension Certificate
dated the 6th day of September 1867 (the number
of which she is unable to state) granted to
her as the widow of Marvin Miner who was
a private in Co. I. 26th Regt Mass. Vols and
died while in the service of the United States;
that on the 5th day of August A. D. 1867 the
ceremony of marriage between her and one Patrick
Higgins was duly solemnized ^{at Lowell Mass.}, and she believed
that thereby she became his lawful wife; that
her pension was paid to her up to the date
of her said supposed marriage, but not there-
afterwards, and from and after said 5th day
of August 1867 and until the fifteenth day of
November A. D. 1877, when the youngest surviving child
attained the age of sixteen years, a pension was
granted and paid to the minor children of
said soldier; that in truth and fact, though
unknown to her, the said Patrick Higgins on

the fifth day of August 1867 was legally incompetent to make a contract of marriage for the reason that he then had a lawful wife living, and his pretended marriage with this deponent was fraudulent, invalid, null and void; that since she had knowledge that her said marriage with the said Higgins was unlawful she has not cohabited with him, and has not intermarried, and remains the widow of the said Marvin Miner.

She makes this declaration in order that she may be recorded to the Pension Rolls and allowed a pension as the widow of the said soldier, Marvin Miner from the fifteenth day of November A. D. 1877 to which date a pension was allowed and paid to his minor children. For Evidence of other facts needful for the support of her application she refers to the papers filed in her original declaration for pension, and also to the papers with the application on which the pension was granted to the minors. Her Post Office Address is Lawrence Mass. No. 31 Common Street.

N. P. Frye -	} witnesses to mark	Rosanna ^{Her} X Miner
John K. Darby		mark

Also personally came Ann Kearns and Mary Ford residents of said Lawrence

who appear to be credible persons, and on oath depose that they are well acquainted with Rosanna Miner who makes the above declaration, and have known ^{her} as neighbor and familiar acquaintance for as many as ten years, and that from their acquaintance with her they believe and have reason to believe that, except her supposed marriage with Patrick Higgins she has not intermarried since the death of her husband, Marvin Miner. They have no interest in this case.

N. P. Frye -

John K. Darbo

witnesses to mark

} Ann Kearns
 Mary ^{the} X Ford
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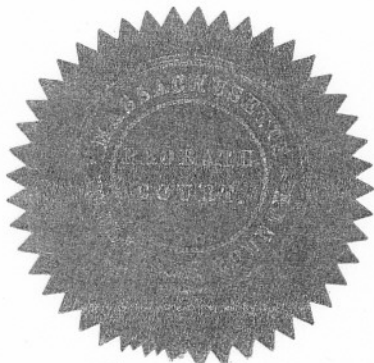
Subscribed and sworn to before me. The deposition and affidavit were read to deponents and affiants and understood by them before they made oath to the same. I have no interest in the matter.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court.

Alfred A. Abbott,

Clerk of Superior Court.





Application for a Widow's Pension.

Under the Act of July 14, A. D. 1862.

STATE OF Massachusetts }
COUNTY OF Middlesex } ss.

On this twenty eighth day of July A.D.

1863, personally came before me William S. Richardson
Name and title of Judge or other officer of Court.

Judge of the Probate Court

Name of Widow.
Mrs. Rosanna Miner a resident of
So. Acton in the county of Middle-

sex State of Massachusetts aged Thirty 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, approved July 14,
1862. That she is the widow of Marvin Miner who

Rank of deceased. letter of Co.
was a Private in Company "B" commanded by Captain Pickering

State, where from.
in the Twenty sixth Regiment of Massachusetts
Volunteers in the war of 1861. Who died at St. James Hospital, New Orleans, La.
on the Fifteenth day of February A. D. 1863, in consequence
of disease contracted while in the service of the
United States, and in the line of his duty.

Name of soldier.
She further declares that she was married to the said Marvin Miner

Date of marriage.
on the Twenty second day of March in the year 1856, that her
husband the aforesaid Marvin Miner died on the day above
mentioned, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by
reference to the proof hereto annexed. She also declares that she has not in any manner been engaged
in, or aided, or abetted, the rebellion in the United States. That the name and age of her
children under sixteen years of age at her husband's decease, and the place of residence is as
follows:

Names, dates of birth, and residence, of children.

<u>John Miner</u>	<u>Born June 10 1857</u>	<u>Residence So. Acton Mass</u>
<u>Marvin Miner</u>	<u>" Nov 6 1859</u>	<u>" So. Acton do</u>
<u>Rosanna Miner</u>	<u>" Nov 24 1861</u>	<u>" do do do</u>

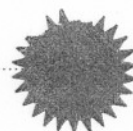
She hereby appoints CHARLES REED, of Boston, Massachusetts, her attorney to prosecute her
claim and to receive the Pension Certificate.

Applicant signs here.

Witness, John M. Carter

Witness, Joseph D. Eaton

Rosanna Miner
mark



Also personally appeared ^{Name of witness.} *Joseph Savlin* and ^{Name of witness.} *John Mc'Carty*
Mc'Carty residents of *Lowell* persons
whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say that
they were present and saw *Mrs. Marvin Miner* sign her *name*
to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from
the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she
represents herself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of witnesses.

Joseph Savlin
John Mc'Carty

Sworn to and subscribed, and Power of Attorney acknowledged before me this *twenty*
eight day of *July* A. D. 18*63*, and I hereby certify that I have no
interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of officer.

William A. Richardson
Judge of Probate Court

Applicant's Post Office address:

South Acton, Mass.

We, *Joseph Savlin* and *John Mc'Carty*
residents of *Lowell* on oath, say that
we have been intimately acquainted with *Mrs. Rosanna Miner* the above
Length of acquaintance.
applicant for an Army Pension, for *five* years last past. She is now the widow
of the late *Marvin Miner* whom we also knew in his lifetime,
and who died A. D. 18*63*. We well know that said *Marvin Miner*
and *Rosanna Miner* lived together as husband and wife for more than

Insert time.

Five years prior to his death, and were reputed to have been legally married, and
there are the following children under sixteen years of age of said *Marvin Miner*
and *Rosanna Miner* living, who were at his decease of the ages and residing
as set against their respective names:

Names, ages, and place of residence of children.

John Miner *aged five years 8 mos 5 days. So Acton, Mass.*
Marvin Miner *" three years 8 mos 9 So do do do*
Rosanna Miner *" One year 2 mos 21 So do do do*
The declaration was made known to the
applicant before being signed.

The above-named claimant has not been married since the death of her husband the said *Marvin*
Miner.

Signature of witnesses.

Joseph Savlin
John Mc'Carty

State of *Massachusetts* County of *Middlesex*
Then personally appeared the above-named *Joseph Savlin* and
John Mc'Carty known to me as credible witnesses, and made
oath that the foregoing affidavits by them subscribed are true, this *twenty eighth* day of
July A. D. 18*63*.

Signature of officer.

William A. Richardson

Judge of Probate Court.

Joseph Savlin and
John Mc'Carty signed
before me in my office
William A. Richardson
Judge of Probate Court

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Middlesex, ss.

On this *fourth* day of *February*, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight personally appeared before me SAMUEL P. HADLEY, JR., Clerk of the Police Court of Lowell, the same being a Court of Record within and for said County and Commonwealth *William M. Gove* a resident of *Lowell*

aged *as guardian* years who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on *his* oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by Act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862: *granting pension to the minor children of deceased soldiers*

That he is the *guardian of the minor children of Marvin Miner*

who was a *private* in Company *D*, commanded by _____ in the

Fourth *Massachusetts* regiment of *Volunteers* in the late rebellion war. and who died at *St. James Hospital* on the *5th* day of *February* A.D. 1863. and that the widow of said deceased, *Rosanna Miner*, married again being now the wife of *Patrick Higgins* on the *3rd* day of *August* A.D. 1867 - and that the dates of birth of said wards are as follows, to wit: *John*, born *June 10, 1857*, *Marvin*, born *November 6th, 1859*, *Rosanna*, born *November 16th, 1861* and that the parents of said wards were married at *Rashua* on the *22nd* day of *March* A.D. 1856 at by *Robert Morris* Esq. and that the mother cannot remember the exact date

and he refers to the evidence filed herewith, and that in the proper departments to establish his claim

he also declares that he has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States,

And further, that *said Rosanna Miner* was granted Pension Certificate No. 15290 which has been surrendered

for the purpose of prosecuting this claim, he hereby appoints JOHN F. FRYE, of said Lowell, his attorney in fact, and with authority to receive his pension certificate; and that his Post-office address is *Lowell Mass*

William M. Gove

Also, personally appeared

John O'Keilly and *Francis M. Duade* both of *Lowell*

persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw the said *William M. Gove* sign his name to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; that he is disabled substantially in the manner alleged in said declaration. They further swear that they, or either of them, have no interest in this claim, either present or prospective, and that they are not concerned directly or indirectly in its prosecution.

John O'Keilly
Francis M. Duade

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *fourth* day of *February*, A. D. 1868, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court.

S. P. Hadley Jr.
Clerk of said Court

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

PROBATE COURT.

I, JOSEPH H. TYLER, Register of the Probate Court for said County of Middlesex, hereby certify, that at a Probate Court holden in and for said County, on the *tenth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-*seven*

of *William McKovern*
Lorrell in the County of *Middlesex*

was duly appointed Guardian of *John Miner, Marvin Miner and Rosanna Miner (children of Marvin Miner, deceased)* all

of *Lorrell* in said County of Middlesex, minors, and gave bond to the acceptance of the Judge of said Court for the due performance of said trust according to law:

I ALSO CERTIFY, that it appears by the records and files of said Court, that said appointment remains in full force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this *sixteenth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-*seven*.

Joseph H. Tyler Register of
Probate Court.

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State of Massachusetts County of Middlesex Town of Acton

(a)

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Place of Birth	Names of Parents	Birth Place of Father of Mother
Eighteen Hundred fifty nine November Sixth	Marian Miner	Acton	Marian & Rosa Miner	Keene NH Ireland
Eighteen Hundred sixty one November Sixteenth	Rosanna Miner	Acton	Marian & Rosa Miner	Keene NH Ireland

I CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of the record of Birth with the exception of the date, which is expressed on the record in fair legible figures, as follows:—^(b)

" Nov 6th " 1859 ✓
" Nov 16th " 1861 ✓

I, William D Tuttle above named, depose and say, that I hold the office of Clerk in the town, county and state aforesaid, and that the above is a true copy from the records of said town, with the exception above named as certified by me.

Wm D Tuttle } Town Clerk
of Acton

Peace.

full.