

Boston Mass: Aug. 12. 1889.

In reply to this I will state what I know about this Case. Franklin Gates was in my Battery the 15 Mass. L. A. We were out for inspection one Sunday morning in New Orleans L. A. I think the month of July 1864. It was a very warm day. and Mr Gates was Sun Struck and fell from his Horse. I was on the Horse behind him when it happened. and he suffred from the effects of the Sun Stroke till we were mustered out in Aug 1865 in Readville Mass. and since then I have not seen him very much but have <sup>heard</sup> from him and heard that he was not well. and had not been since he returned home,

Yours Respectfully

A. D. Hutton

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Boston Mass

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To the Commissioners  
of Pensions.

Franklin Gates, the  
soldier for whom the  
widow applies for a  
Pension received a Sun  
Stroke while drilling with  
the Battery at New Orleans  
La. I think sometime in  
the month of August 1864.  
He became unconscious from  
the stroke and I had him  
removed to a store near  
the drill ground on the  
levee. We re stored consciousness  
in about an half hour when  
I had him carried to the  
Battery Camp at Hammond  
La. I don't remember if  
he was sent to hospital or  
not, but think not, but know  
he never did much duty in the  
Battery after wards. I enclose  
Joseph S. Gates  
of the 15th Mass. L. A. Battery, Mass. Va.

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Declaration of a Widow for Original Pension when no Child under Sixteen years of age survives.

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STATE OF Massachusetts, COUNTY OF Middlesex, ss:  
 On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October Nov<sup>r</sup>, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven  
 personally appeared before me, Clark Supreme Justice Court  
 the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Hannah M. Gates  
 aged 60 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension  
 provided by Acts of Congress granting pensions to widows: That she is the widow of Franklin Gates  
 who enrolled under the name of Franklin Gates  
 at Stow Massachusetts, on the Fifth day of January, A. D. 1864,  
 in 15<sup>th</sup> Battery Light-Artillery Mass. Volunteers  
 in the war of The Rebellion, who received a sunstroke while on  
duty in New Orleans that disabled him at the  
time and since as long as he lived, and he has not  
been able to support his family owing to the same illness  
 on the or about 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1864, who bore at the time of his death the rank of  
private, in the service aforesaid; that she was married under the name of  
Hannah M. Walcott to said Franklin Gates  
 on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1848, by Rev. Reuben Bates of Stow,  
 at Stow, Massachusetts, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been  
 previously married <sup>4</sup>

that she has to the present date remained his widow; that he, the said Franklin Gates  
 left surviving no minor child or children by either herself or any former wife; that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted,  
 the rebellion in the United States; that no prior application has been filed; <sup>5</sup>

that she hereby appoints Chas E Todd #57 Seab<sup>rd</sup> Boston Mass. her attorney to prosecute her claim;  
 that her residence is No. 31 Circuit street, Roxbury Dist. Boston  
 and that her post-office address is 31 Circuit St., Roxbury Mass.  
 (Attest: Chas E Todd Hannah M. Gates,  
 (Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared Joseph B Brown, residing at No. 31  
 in Circuit street, in Boston, and Henry L. Blackburn  
 residing at No. 634, in Dudley street, in Boston, persons whom I certify to be respect-  
 able and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Hannah M. Gates  
 the claimant, sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have  
 every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant 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.

Joseph B Brown  
Henry L. Blackburn  
 (Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 17 day of November, A. D. 1887  
 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained  
 to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words  
 [L. S.] \_\_\_\_\_, erased, and the words  
 \_\_\_\_\_, added; and that I have no interest, direct  
 or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

John H. Free  
 (Signature.)  
Clark Supreme Just Ct  
 (Official character.)

1 State company and regiment, if in army; or vessel and rank, if in navy.  
 2 State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's death to have been the sequence.  
 3 "In the service aforesaid," or otherwise.  
 4 If either have been previously married, so state, and give date of death or divorce of former spouse.  
 5 If prior application has been filed, either by soldier or widow, so state, giving number assigned to it.  
 (7776-5,000)

State of Massachusetts County of Middlesex Town of Stow

(a)  
Date of Death December first Eighteen hundred Eighty six Name of Deceased Franklin Gates Age fifty nine years, eight Months, thirteen Days place of Death Stow Occupation Farmer place of birth Stow Name of Parents Joel & Eunice Cause of Death Nervous Prostration

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

"Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1886"

Henry Gates

I, Henry Gates 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.

Henry Gates

Town Clerk

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me, this twenty fifth day of May A.D. 1889. I have no interest in this case.

David W. Stratton

Justice of the Peace  
Notary Public



Transcript of the record, except that, instead of copying figures, the date must be written out in full. exactly as it is in the record.



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex. ss. Stow, November 3. 1888.

I, Henry Gates of the town of Stow in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, having been first duly sworn hereby depose and say that I am Clerk of said town and am the Custodian of the records thereof. That by the record of marriages in my possession is the following record:-

"Franklin Gates and Hannah M. Walcott,  
married May 30. 1848"

Henry Gates.

Town Clerk.

Middlesex, ss. Then personally appeared the above-named Henry Gates personally known to me to be a credible witness and deposed the foregoing in my presence and made oath to the truth thereof, the day and year first above-named. Have no interest in this case.

Before me

James T. Yodanis  
Notary Public.