Pension Application of Thomas Bowling BLReg264321-1855
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[See also Thomas Bowling R1078.]

Harrison County Indiana  Sct
I Sarah Bowling of said County aged from my best information about ninety three years do make the following statement “I am the widow of Thomas Bowling deceased who was in his lifetime engaged in the military service of the United States in the Revolutionary War
I have heretofore from this County made an application under Act July 7th 1838 for a pension as the widow of said Thomas Bowling and I now refer to the proof filed in support of said pension claim
I have never married again since the death of said Thomas Bowling but I am still his widow – For fuller statements in regard to our marriage and to his services I refer to my former statements and to the proof that is now or that may hereafter be filed in support of my claim
I was married to said Thomas Bowling in Stafford County Virginia about sixty three years ago by one       McFarland a       Minister and my name before said marriage was Sarah Ford
The said Thomas Bowling died in Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County Virginia about forty five years ago – All of which I have heretofore more particularly set forth
I make this declaration for the purpose of applying for and receiving the benefit of the Bounty Land Act of March 3rd 1855
I have never heretofore received or applied for the benefit of this or any other Bounty Land Act and neither did said Thomas Bowling so far as I now remember ever hearing of and if he did it must have been on account of his services in Revolutionary War as that was the only Military Service ever performed by him so far as I now remember ever hearing of — This twenty fourth day of November 1856
Sarah herXmark Bowling

NOTE: On 6 Oct 1859 Sarah Bowling stated that Thomas Bowling died in 1811, that she was older than 90 but not sure how many years older, and that she had been able to sign her own name before her eyesight deteriorated. This statement was witnessed by Daniel J Bowling and Thomas J. Bowling.