

Piquette May 30<sup>th</sup> 1855

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a  
Declaration of Nancy Bolden for  
County Land - Hoping the same  
may prove correct

Yours Respectfully

H B Chendler  
County Land Agent  
Miami County Ohio

1855

State of Ohio }  
Miami County } SS:

On this Twenty Eighth day of May  
A D One Thousand Eight Hundred & Fifty Five personally  
appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and  
for the County and State aforesaid Nancy Bolden  
Aged Sixty five Years a Resident of Washington  
Township Miami County and State of Ohio who being  
duly sworn according to Law—Declares that she is  
the Widow of William L Bolden deceased who  
was a Wagon Master Employed under the  
direction of Commodore Rogers and was engaged  
in the transportation of Seamen & Military Stores  
in the War with Great Britain declared by  
the United States on the Eighteenth day of June  
A D One Thousand Eight Hundred & Twelve—That her  
said Husband Volunteered at New Castle in  
the State of Delaware on or about the fifteenth  
day of August A D One Thousand Eight Hundred &  
fourteen for the Term of Three Months and  
continued in Actual Service for the term of  
Sixty days and was honorably discharged at  
New Castle in the State of Delaware on or about  
the fifteenth day of October A D One Thousand  
Eight Hundred & fourteen. She further states  
that she was married to the said William L Bolden  
in New Castle in the State of Delaware on the  
second day of March A D One Thousand Eight  
Hundred and Eleven by one Reverend Mr Bell  
Presbyterian Clergyman and that her Name  
before her said Marriage was Nancy  
Patterson that Her said Husband died at  
Newbury Township Miami County in the State of  
Ohio on the Twenty Eighth (28) day of September  
A D One Thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty and  
that she is now a Widow

in New Castle in the State of Delaware on the  
second day of March Ad One Thousand Eight  
Hundred and Eleven by One Reverend Mr Bell  
Presbyterian Clergyman and that her Name  
before her said Marriage was Nancy  
Patterson that Her said Husband died at  
Newbery Township Miami County in the State of  
Ohio on the Twenty Eighth (28) day of September  
Ad One Thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty and  
that she is now a Widow (over)

She makes this declaration for the purpose  
of obtaining the bounty Land to which  
she may be Entitled under the Act approved  
March 3<sup>d</sup> AD One Thousand Eight Hundred &  
fifty five. She also declares that she has  
not Received a Warrant for bounty Land  
under this or any other Act of Congress nor  
made any other Application therefor  
She further declares that she has no Record  
of the Marriage either Public or private nor  
does not know that any could now be obtained  
Nancy <sup>her</sup> Boulden  
mark.

We William Scott and Levi G Brandon Residents  
of Piqua Miami County and State of Ohio  
declare that we were acquainted with William  
L Boulden and Nancy his wife in the life time  
of said William L Boulden and believe she  
is his lawful Widow from the following  
Circumstances We know them to Cohabit as  
Husband and wife and were so reputed that  
she transacted business as his wife previous to  
his Death and as his widow since which are  
Matters of Record in the County of Miami and  
State aforesaid. We further declare that we are  
knowing to the Death of the said William L  
Boulden as set forth in the declaration and  
that the Applicant is his Widow  
William Scott  
Levi G Brandon

W<sup>m</sup> William Scott and Levi G. Brandon

Residents of Piquette Miami County in the State of Ohio upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Nancy Bolden in our presence and that we believe from the appearance and statements of the Applicant that she is the identical person she represents herself to be.

William Scott  
Levi G. Brandon

The foregoing declaration and affidavits were shown to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written, and I certify that I know the Affiants to be credible persons that the Claimant is the person she represents herself to be and that I have no interest in this claim.

Francis Reid J. P. (Seal)

The State of Ohio }  
Miami County } p. I B W Leavell Clerk of the Court of  
Common Pleas of said County hereby Certify that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
May AD 1855 Francis Reid whose name is annexed to the foregoing  
Certificate was a Justice of the Peace of the said County of  
Miami elected, commissioned and qualified in due form of  
Law and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the seal of  
the said Court this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May  
AD 1855. B W Leavell Clerk