

**Pension Application for Abraham Goutches or Goetches**

R.4164 (Widow: Rachel)

State of New Jersey

Passaic County SS.

On this eighth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and fifty five personally appeared in open court before the Superior Court of Common Pleas held in and for said County Lydia A. Bell aged fifty six years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law declares that she is a daughter and an heir at law of Rachel Goetches and Abraham Goetchess—

She says that she is now the legally appointed administratrix of the estate of her mother the above said Rachael Goetches as will more fully appear by papers here unto annexed she makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension money that is due to the aforesaid Rachel Goetchess –

She says that said Rachel Goetchess died at Clarkstown in Rockland County in the State of New York on the ninth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and forty seven that there are now four of the children of said Rachel Goetchess alive whose names are Lydia A. Bell Letty Housewell Hannah Blakett and Phebe Knapp—that these are all the children of said Sarah Goethcess now a alive.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of the e7 of July 1838. She says that she has not every applied for said pension previous to these presents but that she believes that her mother did make an application in her lifetime. She says that as near as she can learn her father and mother were married at Clarkstown in Rockland County in the State of New York on the tenth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and eighty nine. (Signed with her mark) Lydia A. Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.  
Peregrine Sandford. Judge.