

### **Pension Application for Daniel Benjamin**

W.20023 (Sarah Rice, former widow) Daniel died about 1823.

Daniel was born Sept. 26, 1762

Sarah, daughter of John Davis who was a Captain in Colonel Whiting's Regiment of Albany County militia, was born August 23, 1763

Philander Benjamin was born August 14, 1784

Ebenezar was born January 19, 1787

L. Philathela Benjamin was born April 24, 1792

Tryphanie was born June 24, 1785

[Bethel?] was born August 27, 1800

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, Entitled An Act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows and 23d August 1842.

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 23 day of May 1843, before the subscriber first Judge of the County of Columbia County Common Pleas, the same being a Court of Record, personally appeared Sarah Rice of the Town of Aflisterlitz [Austerlitz?] in said County aged 79 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 passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, and the 23d of August 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of Daniel Benjamin; who was a private in the war of the Revolution, and served several tours of service in said war.

He lived at that time within the limits of Colonel Whiting's regiment of Albany County Militia now Columbia County, New York.

I was well acquainted with him during said war, living then within three miles of his then residence. My father was John Davis, one of the Captain of said Whiting's Regiment in said War. Said Daniel Benjamin my said husband, served one or more tours under my said Father, also under Capt. Cady of same regiment. My said husband also went for others being hired by them. I remember of his going northward under Capt. Noble.

I remember one tour to the south towards New York and then was in the Regiment of Colonel Dubois the Captain I cannot remember. I cannot say how many times my said husband was out, but according to my best recollection he was out in service as many as five times in service in said revolutionary war.

For a further description of her said husband's services in said war I would refer to the annexed depositions & evidence.

I was married to said Daniel Benjamin at New Concord in the then county of Albany by the Rev'd Mr. Stephens, now dec'd the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November seventeen hundred & eighty two. I have no record of my said marriage. The annexed record is correct and is my family record, containing my own & husband's ages & our several children's and was made by [?] Philander Benjamin in his hand writing about twenty years ago, certainly as many as twenty years ago. The said Daniel Benjamin died about twenty years ago. I was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz at the time above stated.

She further declares that after the death of the husband aforesaid she was married to Jared Rice on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April in 1825. That he died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1831 and that I am still a widow.

(Signed) Sarah Rice

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 23 day of May 1843. A.P. Holdridge, First Judge of said County.