

### **Pension Application for Thomas Holmes**

W.21343 (Widow: Anna)

I read all the documents in this folder and despite several having mentioned that John was in the Continental service, and that he received a pension, I can't find any deposition from him in the folder neither can I find any reference to where he served.

John was married previously and within four months after his wife's death in the spring of 1793, he married Anna Sickels in the summer of 1793, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Stillwater. Several of the depositions mention the talk generated by this marriage so soon after the death of his first wife.

The following record was submitted by Anning Wiggins to probe the date that her children were born in reference to the marriage of Thomas and Anna. It was in October 1752, after the birth of her son John that Thomas lost his first wife. Thomas married Anna four months after his first wife's death and there was a lot of stir in the neighborhood for such a marriage so close to the death. Another mentions that Thomas left his wife shortly after marriage, came back briefly and then lived separately. The last time Thomas did not return. Anna supported herself by domestic work. There were mentions of Thomas not returning her dower rights and selling some land without having Anna sign the deed. Thomas died about the year 1824 or 1825 in Pawlit in Vermont. Anna died April 5, 1845. [AJ Berry]

Annin Wiggins was born April 21, 1767.

Katharine Wiggins was born February 29, 1772. Married December 2, 1790.

David Wiggins was born August 31, 1791.

John Wiggins was born October 29<sup>th</sup> 1792.

Olive Wiggins was born June 16<sup>th</sup> 1794.

Hannah Wiggins was born April 20<sup>th</sup> 1796.

Prial Wiggins was born December 16<sup>th</sup> 1797.

Esther Wiggins was born November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1799.

Allen Wiggins was born July 16<sup>th</sup> 1801.

Katharine Wiggins was born August 10, 1802.

Annin Wiggins was born October 9<sup>th</sup> 180[?]

Nancy Wiggins was born August 31, 1807.

Elsy Lavizer Wiggins was born January 11<sup>th</sup> 1810.

Harriet Wiggins born March 28, 1811.