

### **Pension Application for Daniel Riggs**

W.17537 (Widow: Susanna) Married September 8, 1784, Daniel died June 6, 1793.  
State of Connecticut  
Fairfield County SS.  
Town of Ridgefield

On this eighteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the court of Probate for the District of Danbury in said County and State, (the same being a court of record) Susanna Riggs a resident of said Town or Ridgefield aged eighty years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath in open court 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 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"—

That she is the widow of Daniel Riggs who was a private in the Army of the Revolution.

That the father of said Daniel Riggs removed in the Town of Ridgefield from Wilton in said county before the close of the war—and that the said David resided in the Town of South Salem in the County of WestChester and State of New York—And that her acquaintance with the said Riggs commanded when he visited his father.

That when he was about seventeen years of age, and in the Spring of the year 1777. He the said Daniel Riggs then living in said South Salem enlisted as a during the war man, into the New York line of the Continental Army—have often heard him tell the name of his Captain (but cannot now recollect his name, and have also frequently heard him speak of being under Gen. McDougal. Said Riggs frequently visited Ridgefield on furlough when she as often saw him.

At the close of the war said Riggs received a discharge from Gen. Washington. That said Riggs also received a certificate entitling him to bounty land in said State of New York. That a short time previous to his death he sold for a trifling consideration said Bounty Land to a Gentleman of the name of McKnight by whom the discharge aforesaid as placed upon the files in the clerks office in the County of Cayuga, subsequent to the death of said Riggs said McKnight called upon her, and in order to prevail upon her to sign a certain paper offered her sundry valuable presents—his object being in the afterwards [?] to obtain the back pay, due to her said husband.

She further declares that she was married to said Daniel Riggs on the ninety day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty four at Ridgefield aforesaid by John Benedict a Justice of the Peace.

And that said Daniel Riggs was killed while assisting to raise a large building in said Ridgefield on the sixth day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Susanna Riggs

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1838. Gilead G. Taylor, Clerk