

Pension Application for Samuel Rusco

W.17574 (Widow: Esther) Samuel died January 29, 1817.

State of Connecticut

Fairfield County SS.

On this 15th day of May 1840 personally appeared before the Court of Probate within and for the District of Norwalk in his County and State, Esther Rusco a resident of New Canaan in the County of Fairfield State of Connecticut aged eighty years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration----and to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Samuel Rusco who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary Army and according to her best knowledge and belief he entered the serv ic of the United States in South Salem in the County of Westchester in the State of New York in Capt. Abijah Gilbert[‘s] Company, Col. Crane Regt, Gen. Thomas Brigade in the year 1777 and was in the Battle when Danbury was burnt in said year and was in the Battle when Bedford was burnt in the year 1779 by the enemy and according to his pay certificate from the Comptroller of the State of New York he received £ 1-1-11 and that he was a guard on the lines at Salem and Bedford in said Westchester County.

And it does appear from the Certificate of the Comptroller of the State of New York that said Samuel Rusco received pay for his services to the amount of £ 25.16.0 for his service for the United States in the year 1781.

The deponent well remembers that her husband entered into the service in said South Salem in Capt. Benj Chapman’s Comp, Col. Crane’s Regt, Genl Thomas Brigade after she was married to him, he was stationed on the lines at Bedford in South Salem & said WestChester County. The enemy had possession of the South part of said County had possession of the South part of said County and it appears by the Certificate of the comptroller he served until is pay amounted to £ 25.16.0.

From the testimony of Noah Rusco and James Rusco the persons that he husband was in the service of the United States for more than two years, but she supposes she can not claim any more than the above services added together making the pay of her deceased husband amounting to £ 26.17.11 and it is the only documentary evidence of her said husband services could then should be served at Washington, for she has been told that the Record at Albany and imperfect, she also declares that she can not find any record of her marriage within the town, church, or family records.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Rusco on the seventeenth day of Mary in the year seventeen hundred and eighty and that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Rusco died on the twenty ninth day of January eighteen hundred and seventeen and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Esther Rusco

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before said Probate Court. Benj Isaac, Judge.