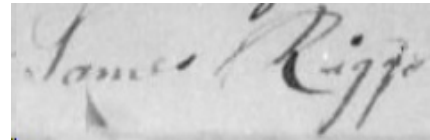


Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Riggs W3042 Jane Riggs PA
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Know all men by these presents that I James Riggs of Mason County State of Kentucky, Farmer (for divers considerations and goods me hereunto moving) having made, ordained, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make ordain constitute and appoint, my trusty friend James Morrison [pension application W8467] of the town of Lexington & State aforesaid, my True and lawfull attorney, for me, and in my name, and for my use, to ask, demand, Recover, or receive, of & from the Secretary at war, (or any other person who may be authorised to Issue Land warrants for land granted by Congress, as a Bounty for Soldiers who was enlisted & served during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain) a warrant for my donation land allowed me by Congress for my Services as a Soldier during said war – [the rest boiler plate not transcribed]... 21st day of Feb’y in the year of our lord 1812



This may certify that James Reggs was enlisted as a soldier in the year 1776 to serve three years, in the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment & in Jan’y or Feb’y 1777 he enlisted to serve during the war in said Reg’t that he Reggs served to the end of the Revolutionary war faithfully he being a soldier in my Company. Given under my hand this 3^d day of Feb’y 1812
[John Finley] late a Capt’n. in 8th Penna Reg’t

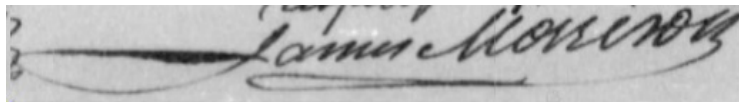


Lexington March 1st 1812

Sir [W. Eustis, Secretary of War]

Enclosed you have a power of Attorney from James Riggs, authorising me to receive his 100 acres of Land due for his services in the 8th P. Reg’t [Pennsylvania Regiment]. I have signed my name on the power, over which Mr. Cutting can write a receipt, should Riggs’s warrant be still in the office – and when in washington can give such other receipt as shall be deemed necessary.

I have a distinct recollection of James Riggs being in service as late as 1780, but having been transferred from the 8th Reg’t, can add nothing farther of my own knowledge Maj’l. [Major?] John Findley, who certifies to his having served during the war, is a man of veracity. He is well known to Gen’l. Desha, and to Mr. Clay. I am Sir/ respectfully, your ob. S’t.



State of Kentucky } Sct.

Mason County } On this first day of June A.D. 1848 Personally appeared before me Walker Reid Judge of the first Judicial district for the courts holden in said State and the county of Mason being within my said district Jane Riggs a resident of said County of Mason and is aged Eightyseven [87] 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 provissions made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 March 3^d 1848 June 17th 1844 and February 2^d 1848 Granting half Pay and pensions to certain Widows That she is the widow of James Riggs who was a private in the revolutionary war That from what she often herd hir late Husband

James Riggs say she fully believes he Enlisted for three years or during the war and that he continued in the service untill the close of the war that is untill peace was made She also states he often told that he was Enlisted by Captain John Finley in the state of Virginia and was a Virginia Soldier [sic] and that he went into the service under Captain John Finley But from old age and infirmity loss of memory &c she cannot recollect the Names of the higher officers who commanded him Nor does she recollect the dates or time of his services but state it was a number of years before she was marred to him She further states she moved from Virginia to Kentucky in the year 1801 and settled where she now lives She also states that some time between the years of 1815 and 1820 as near as she can recollect hir Husband James Riggs herd of Captain John Finley the Captain who Enlisted him Captain Finley then lived at the upper blue Licks on main lickin river [sic: Licking River] My Husband James Riggs had not then got his bounty in land and hearing where Capt. Finley lived he started to see him found him and Capt. Finley came home with my Husband Riggs and some time after not very long my Husband James Riggs got his land warrant. I suppose a warrant. She says he got One hundred Acres of land laying in Ohio Near Columbus which was for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary war My Husband James Riggs sold his land to a Gentleman in Columbus Ohio for a Horse which horse I owned after my Husbunds death I think he got the land warrant and land as stated before between the years of 1815 and 1820 Although I may be Mistaken as to time but I well know he got One hundred acres of Land for his services as a Soldier in the war of the revolution being his land Bounty and he sold the land for a horse She further states that she has often and again herd hir Husband James Riggs talking and teling of his act while he was in the revolutionary war but owing to old age and being very inferm her recollection is much impaired, and states those Matters best recollected and which are most certainly true She further states she was married to James Riggs on the twenty fifth day of march in the year 1790 in the county of Rockingham and State of Virginia as will fully appear by the clerks certificate which is hereunto attached She Further states that hir late Husband James Riggs Died on the tenth day of January Eighdteen hundred and twenty four and was sixty nine years old when he died and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place pevious to the first of January seventeen hundred and Ninety four viz: at the time above stated She further states that she has not before applied for a pension because she did not know nor was she informed untill very lately that she had a right and that she is one of those provided for by the acts of Congress having a right to a pension

Jane herXmark Riggs

State of Kentucky } Sct. [27 June 1848]
Mason County } Personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said State and County Elizabeth Farrow and is in the Sixty fourth year of hir age and first being duly Sworn according to law states that during the lifetime of James Riggs and also the lifetime of hir Father John Waugh that she has herd them repeadedly in Conversation on the subject of there services as old Soldiers who served together in the war of the revolution that they were in the same regiment and I distincly recollect that they stated the served in the Eight Pennsylvania Regiment and in Captain John Finley's Company and as deponent does believe they stated that Col. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] was the Col. of the regiment when they were discharged James Riggs lived a Near Neighbor to my Father John Waugh for many years up to the time of his death and the two Old men were often together and I have over and repetedly herd them talk on the services they performed together and of there stating they served in the Eight Pennsylvania Line and Capt. John Finley was the Capt. and I am of the opinion Col. Broadhead commanded the regiment but of that I am not positive Old Mrs Riggs his widow who I am informed is applying for a pension is the very same and Identical woman late wife of now widow of James Riggs dec'd and for whose services she applys for a widows Pension She this deponant states that hir Father John Waugh and James Riggs aslo in stated in those number of Conversations a number of Battles they were in some of which I name Brandewine Battle of Jermantown Battle of Trenton and Princetown [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777; Germantown, 4 Oct 1777; Trenton, 28 Jun 1778; Princeton, 3 Jan 1777] and James Riggs and my Father would sett hours in full conversation about these services in the war of the revolution

Elizabeth herXmark Farrow

NOTE:

On 27 June 1848 Agnes Rogers, 67, stated that she had heard her father, John Waugh, discussing with James Riggs their services in the Revolutionary War, but she provided no detail.

On 2 June 1848 James W. Brewer certified Jane Riggs's application and added the following: "James Riggs was anxious make in a company to be caled Silver Grays old men to out in our late war of 1813," and that "he was a respecable member of the Babtist Church." He also stated that Jane Riggs was a member of the Presbyterian Church and "very poor Almost destitute."

The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Rockingham County on 24 March 1790 by James Riggs and Thomas McDowell for the marriage of Riggs to Jean McDowell. There is also a statement from the Clerk of that county that the marriage certificate was not found.