

Pension Application for John Fitzgerald

W.16256 (Widow: Sarah) Married by the pastor of a Church at German Flatts
State of New York, SS.

On this 29th day of August, personally appeared before me Samuel W. Jones First Judge of the County Courts in & for the County of Schenectada in said State Sarah Fitzgerald a resident of the town of Rotterdam in the county of Schenectady and State of New York, aged seventy nine 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 4, 1836: That she is the widow of John Fitzgerald who was a private soldier in the war of the revolution as particularly set forth in the annexed documents.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Fitzgerald in or about the month of November in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six that her husband, the aforesaid John Fitzgerald, died on the twenty first day of June 1818—and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Fitzgerald

I Samuel W. Jones before whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed and sworn, hereby certify that said Sarah Fitzgerald cannot write her name, but makes her mark owing to blindness & old age, for which cause also, she is unable to attend Court. Given under my hand the day & year first aforesaid.

The above Declarant Sarah Fitzgerald begin further duly sworn & examined, depose & saith, that she was married at the time set forth in the foregoing declaration by her signed at Springfield in this state by a clergyman whose name this declarant cannot recollect but she believes it sounded like “Nun” & that he was pastor of a church at German Flatts in said state—The marriage ceremony took place in Church & the following named individuals were present—Wm. Campbell, the sister of this deponent, Nicholas Pickett, Jost Conradt, Peter Conradt, & Nicholas Conradt, Catharine Pickett, Henry Bradt--& one or two others whose names this declarant cannot now call to mind—all of whom this deponent believes have departed this life.

And this declarant further saith that her personal knowledge of the services of said John Fitzgerald extends to the following particulars—He served with the District of German Flatts (Where he resided at the time) in the company commanded, she thinks, by Captain Kitman under General Herkimer, & was at the battle of Oriskana—In this town he was absent from home at least two weeks.

In the spring of the following years viz 1778, her said husband enlisted & served in a company of fatigue-men, commanded as this declarant believes by one Captain Petrus & served in this company until the following spring when he entered another company which this deponent believes was commanded by one Captain Peek & served in said Company of Captain Peck for the term of one year and that her

maiden name was "Rutherford" & that she has no record of her age. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Fitzgerald