

rigging noun

rig·ging (ˈri-gɪŋ) -gən

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- 1 **a** : lines and chains used aboard a ship especially in working sail and supporting masts and spars
- b** : a similar network (as in theater scenery) used for support and manipulation
- 2 : CLOTHING



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| apparel | attire |
| clobber [<i>British slang</i>] | clothes |
| clothing | costumery |
| dress | duds |
| garments | gear |
| habiliment(s) | habit [<i>archaic</i>] |
| rags | raiment |
| rig | threads |
| toggery | togs |
| vestiary | vestments |
| vesture | wear |
| wearables | weeds |

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They checked the *rigging* before they set sail.

even at the lviies they dress in the standard *rigging* of the college student: T-shirt and jeans

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– Seth Freed Wessler, *ProPublica*, 7 Dec. 2023

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– Christopher Reynolds, *Chicago Tribune*, 27 June 2023

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Etymology

Middle English *ragging*, *riggyng* fitting out of a ship

First Known Use

1594, in the meaning defined at sense 1a

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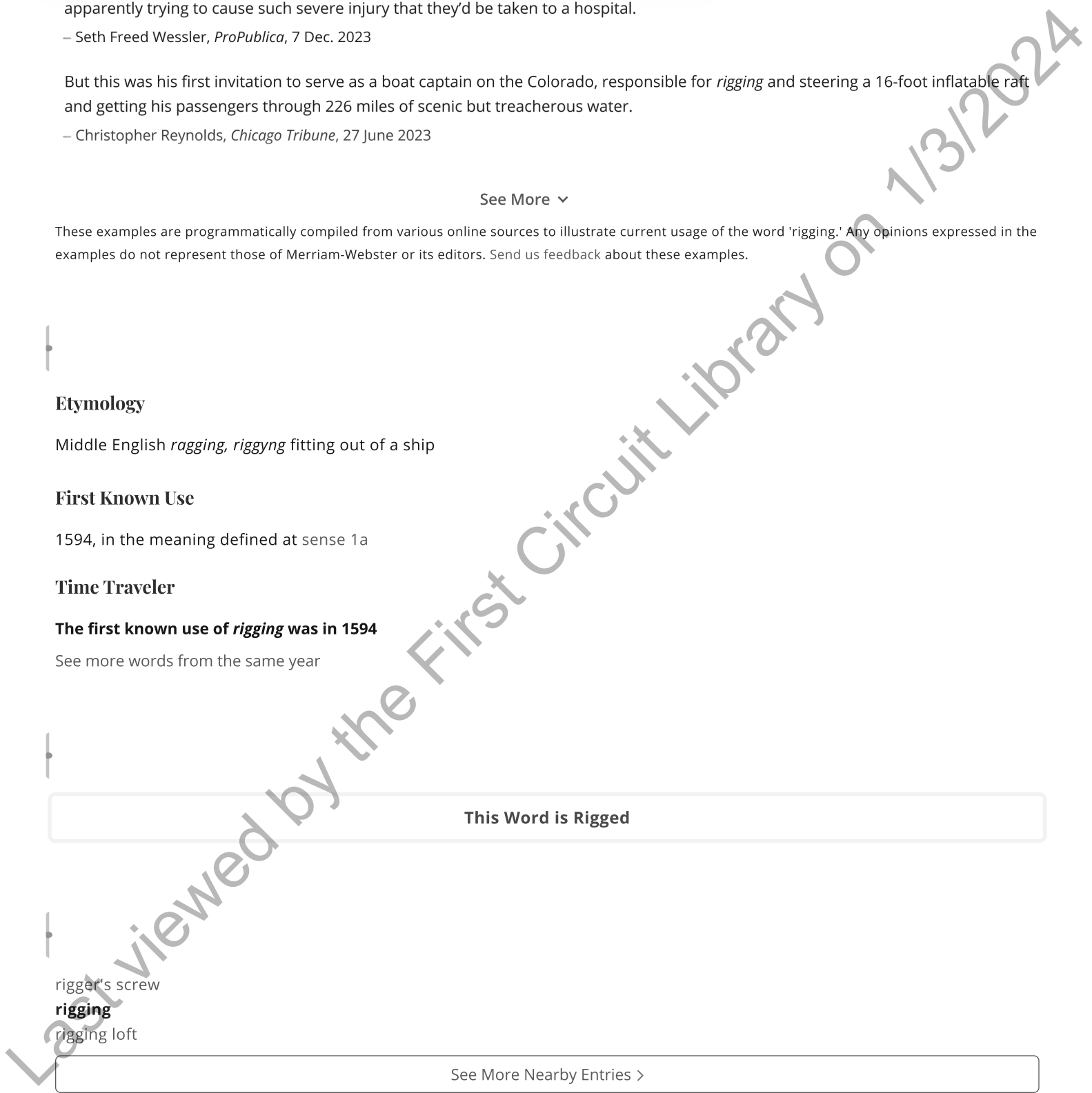
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- 1 : the ropes and chains used aboard a ship especially in working sail and supporting masts and spars
- 2 : equipment for supporting and working something (as theater scenery)

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