

Pension Application for Sands Raymond

W.11101 (Widow: Esther) Married to Esther Olmsted March 8, 1786.

Sands Raymond was born November 15, 1760 Norwalk Connecticut

Esther Raymond was born May 3, 1765

Rebekah Raymond was born Scarsdale February 25, 1787

Saley Raymond was born in Salem April 18 1789 died Sept 24, 1790

Hezekiah Loide Raymond was born in Salem January 12, 1791

Saley Raymond was born Salem May 13, 1793

Forna Raymond was born Salem December 24, 1795.

Caty Raymond born Salem July 16, 1798

[torn] Raymond was born [torn] 6, 1801

[torn] Raymond Junr was born [torn] 1804

State of New York

Sullivan County SS

On this tenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Sands Raymond aged about seventy two years a resident of the Town of Nevisink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he was born November 16, 1760 at Norwalk in the State of Connecticut, has no record of his age, except the town record in Norwalk.

In July (about the 1st year 1776) enlisted for 6 months at South Salem in Westchester County State of New York, where he then lived in the militia, Captain Abijal Gelbats company in Colonel Thomas Thomas Regiment in General George Clinton's Brigade. Marched to Sing Sing on Hudson River & went thence to Kingsbridge and York Island, helped built Fort Independence near Kingsbridge & fort Washington on York Island remained in that service till his 6 months was out in January 1777. There were no Continental officers there, was discharged at Harrisons Purchase, Westchester County; received a written discharge from Captain Gilbert which has long been lost.

The last of January 1777 enlisted in the militia under Captain Noah Bouton for 3 months on the lines, Nicholas Fish was major; served on the lines—Westchester County till his 3 months was out—was immediately after called out on an Expedition to Danbury, Went there under Captain Abijah Gilbert, was at Danbury, Ridgefield & Campo Hill in Fairfield Connecticut. The Americans commanded by Benedict Arnold & David Wooster, Generals retreated from Danbury & Ridgefield before the British commanded by old Governor Tryon, there was a severe battle at Ridgefield in April (about the 20th of the Month) in which Genl Wooster was killed about eleven o'clock in the forenoon, & about one o'clock Gen Arnold horse was shot under him—still retreated to Campo Hill where there was another. Then went out to Kingsferry; the

Regiment of Philip Cortlandt had then gone to the South; got sick & was allowed to go home on a pass from Gen. Skinner at Elizabethtown, was sick 3 months, then got well & in the spring of 1780 joined his company, Captain Samuel Pell, at Robertson's farms opposite West Point, remained there till about August, then went to White Plains Pell still commanding, remained there till about August 1783 & was there discharged by Captain Pell. Received a written discharge, but it has been lost for many years past-- & this ended his revolutionary services.

From 1779 deponent was a Sergeant & was exchanged by General Loring Commissary of Pensions for the British, for a British Sergeant. All the services above stated were in Westchester County after the was lived in Westchester County till 1815 when he removed to Nevisink in Sullivan County where he was residing.

Has no documentary evidence except the affidavit annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

(Signed) Sands Raymond.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Jesse M. Foster, Clerk of Sullivan Com. Pleas.