

Pension Application for Luke Remsen or Ramsen

R.8703

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Queens SS.

On this 30th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Queens and State of New York, being a court of record so constituted by an act of the Legislature of the said state— Luke Ramsen a resident in the Town of NewTown in the said County, 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 was born in the said Town in the year 1749 and is now in the 85th year of his age.

That in the year 1776 at the said Town of NewTown he entered the service of the U. States, as a drafted soldier, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

The company in which he served was commanded by Capt. Benjamin Coe, in a regiment under the command of Col. Smith (whose Christian name this deponent does not recollect) and were stationed upon the south side of Long Island to prevent the British from landing and plundering the inhabitants from thence they marched to a place called Bedford in the County of Kings, where they were employed in opposing the progress of the British army, who had landed under Genl Howe;--here he was exposed to the fire of the enemy, until orders were given by General Washington for the Americans to leave Long Island—the army was then crossed over to the city of New York, and march[ed] up to Hurl Gates (then called Horn's Hooke). The British troops then took possession of Long Island and committed great depredations upon the town of this deponent at NewTown.

In march 1777 (as he thinks) this deponent volunteered into a company of Mechanics or Wheelrights under Capt. Kenicott at Peekskill in Westchester county, and was employed in building fun carriages and other things necessary for the army, and for Col. Cortlandt's Regiment in particular.

When the British ships came up the river & burnt the Village of Peekskill, the Regiment retreated over the mountain to a place called Canopus Hallow; where, and at Fishkill this deponent continued to work as a mechanic for the army more than two years.

In 1779, the British came up the River again & the mechanics were again ordered back with their

Tools into the country—where they remained about 23 days, and built a large building for keeping the Continental stores in;

They thence marched to a place called Nelsons point opposite West Point and lay in tents a few days, from whence they returned to Fishkill & this deponent served under John Parsell who was master or captain of the Wheelwright company—this deponent assisted in building 20 four horse wagons for the army, when he was

wounded in the knee by an [adoze?] and being unable to labor, retired from the service about three months.

In 1780 on the 5th day of December this deponent was appointed Clerk to Tobias VanZandt, who was Deputy Barrack Master, as will appear by the document hereto annexed, and which is the only writing now in this deponent's possession in relation to his services, having long since destroyed or lost his several discharges and certificates.

This deponent continued to discharge the officer of clerk during the winter.

In the [?] of 1781 this deponent was ordered to a place called Gallows Hill in Dutchess County and was appointed assistant to Joseph King Store Keeper for the eastern department of the American Army—about this time (Oct 1781) news was received of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis & his army to Genl. Washington at Yorktown in Virginia, in consequence of which Genl Heath made as a great entertainment—during this year, deponent was employed part of the time, in issuing tools and implements to the soldiers, and helping an amount of them. After which in 1782 deponent was ordered by Col. Hughes (Deputy Quarter Master) to Fishkill to assist in making up the accounts of Barrack Master VanZandt, and after this as employed as issuer of rations for the soldiers at five different places to wit—Fishkill Village, Fishkill Landing—Wappengers Creek—NewBurgh and New Windsor, under Cowfort Lands who was the contractor with Congress to furnish provisions for this department of the American Army—

This deponent continued to discharge this last service till peace was declared. This deponent was in active service in different situations for more than five years, and recollects of seeing several of the superior officers; and particularly of seeing General Washington and Genl Knox at West Point about the close of the war.

But this deponent has levied much secluded from the world for a great many years past; and does not know whether any of his fellow soldiers now survived by whom he can prove his services more fully than by the affidavit of Abraham Furman and Daniel Rapelyea, hereto annexed – nor has he now in his possession or power any documentary evidence of his Revolutionary services, other than that above refered [referred] to & hereto annexed.

This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Luke Remsen

Sworn and subscribed this day and year aforesaid. Samuel Sherman Clerk of Queens Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated August 31, 1915, written in response to an in inquiry.

In addition to the military history of Luke Ramsen of Remsen, R. File No. 8,793, Rev War, you are furnished the following family data from the papers on file.

Children of Luke Ramsen or Remsen.

Peter Remsen, died about 1838, married—Catharine—Margaret Pine died about 1840.

Cornelius Remsen
Henry Remse
Mary Remsen
Elizabeth Remsen.
Children of Peter Remsen.
Eliza Kolyer
Drucella Rustin
Joseph Remsem
Amy Hegeman
Abigail Adams
Mary Ann Snedker
Lydia Anderson
Children of Lydia Anderson
James Anderson
Peter Anderson
Cornelius Anderson

In October 1838, soldier refers to his wife, name not mentioned, and states that Margaret Pine is the only survivor of his children by a former marriage. No other names given.