

Pension Application for Noah Racket

S.14254

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS

On this second day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Suffolk now sitting, Noah Racket a resident of the town of Southold in the said County aged seventy five years and upwards, 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 and served as therein stated—viz—

He voluntarily enlisted for tow months in a company of soldiers under the command of Col. Thomas Terry, then acting as Captain, and of Sergeant Jeremiah King which were stationed, at a small fort or entrenchment at Oyster Pond Point in the said town of Southold.

He believes there were not other officers attached to this company.

He is ignorant of the names of the Superior officers (if any) to Col. Terry, and does not know that this company had any connection with others.

The company was raised to supply the place of one under the command of Capt. Griffin—which had been ordered to the northward. It was their duty to watch and stop British vessels sailing through Plumb-[Geat?] or up Gardiners Bay – A rule was established by which friendly vessels were required to lower the peak of their miden sails and were then permitted to pass unmolested. Others were required to stop & be examined—Several vessels were so stopped while deponent was there but none proved to be hostile.

Deponent regularly served as a soldier in this company for the period of two months and was then discharged, but did not, as he recollects, receive on this occasion a written discharge. The only soldier of the company now alive that he knows of it, Jonathan Vail of the said town.

The next season (1776, the particular day or month he does not recollect and cannot state) he voluntarily enlisted for five months in a company then raising under Captain (then Lieutenant Joshua Youngs, in which the said Jeremiah King was Sergeant. A short period after his enlistment the Company was called and deponent went with it to Brooklyn L.I. They went by water in a Sloop. The Company was in what was called the Eastern Long Island Regiment, commanded by Col. Josiah Smith.

Two lieutenants were here added to the company of the names of Robert and Hicks. Deponent does not recollect the names and rank of other officers connected with it, nor of the other regiments.

He was present at Brooklyn while Genl Washington was there and was actively engaged in fortifying and defending the American position.

He was a part of the time quarters, at Flatbush (his regiment bring the first that went there), but was in the lines when they were attacked, by the British a Major Box

(so the names was pronounced) belonging to the regular army, was present at the time of the attack, and directed them to reserve their fire.

The firing on the part of the British made it extremely dangerous for any one to be seen above the breast works.

A man belonging to his regiment whose name he thinks was "Rogers" from East Hampton or Southhampton exposing himself was killed.

The same night the whole army retreated and deponent went with it over to New York. Here the company was broken up—The said Jonathan Vail was with deponent until this time; but after this period deponent knows of no person living who can testify to his service and he has no documentary evidence thereof.

Deponent was permitted to depart and went to Stratford in Connecticut; from thence he crossed over the Sound to Long Island, in order to take care of his family and finding that they had gone, returned immediately to Connecticut where he found and joined Capt. Young, under Colonel {blank} Livingston. There was no other regiment then there, a Rhode Island regiment having lately left. Capt. Roe was there with his company & he believes Capt Griffin also, but he does not recollect the names of any other commissioned officers.

To the interrogatories prescribed by the war Department he answers as follows viz.

1. To the first interrogatory he saith he was born in the said town of Southold in the year 1757.
2. To the second interrogatory he saith his father kept a record which he hath often seen and which is now at his home in his possession.
3. To the third interrogatory he saith that he resided in the said town of Southold at the time of his said enlistments & has resided there ever since the revolutionary war.
4. To the fourth interrogatory he saith he voluntarily enlisted on both occasions, & was not drafted, nor a substitute.
5. To the fifth interrogatory he saith, that at Brooklyn Generals Washington, Gates, Putnam, Sullivan, and Sterling were pointed out to him. He was not far from the two latter when they surrendered. He marched past Lord Stirling, a short time before the surrender, and he thinks it was Lord Stirling, who asked one of the officers where they were going, to which the reply was made "into the lines".
6. To the sixth interrogatory he saith, at the expiration of his service at New Haven he received from Capt Young a written discharge. After he came over to Long Island having fallen into the hands of the enemy, he destroyed his discharge thinking he might better avoid being detained if he should be taken than fi this should be found in his possession. To the remainder of this interrogatory he has already answered.
7. To the seventh interrogatory, he saith that Daniel Moore, James Griffing, Ezekiel Glover & Joseph Terry of the said town of Southold have long known him, and can testify as to his character and as to their belief or knowledge of

his services in the war of the revolution. There is no clergyman residing near him, who is well acquainted with deponent.

And the said deponent further declares that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity except the present, and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state to his knowledge, and if any, only on that of the agency of the state. (Signed) Noah Racket

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Joseph R. Huntting

Letter in folder dated January 13, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.14254, it appears that Noah Racket was born in 1757 in Southold, Suffolk County, New York.

While residing at said Southold, he enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops as follows:

In the fall of 1775 two months in Captain Thomas Terry's company.

In 1776 five months in captain Joshua Young's Company under Colonels Josiah Smith and Livingston and was In the battle of Flatbush.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 2, 1832, while a resident of Southold, New York.

He refers to "his family" as living during the Revolution, but the records fails to show that the soldier left a widow or children. No names are given.

The above noted Noah Racket is the only soldier of that name appearing on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.