

Pension Application for William Rayner or Raynor

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State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this second day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court at a Court Chancery held for the State of New York at the Academy in the village of Newburgh in the County of Orange now sitting being a court of record William Rayner before the Hon. Charles H. Ruggles vice Chancellor of the Second Circuit of the State of New York William Rayner of the Town of Warwick In the County of Orange and State of New York aged seventy four years this present month of December 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 7th 1832.

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

That in the early part of the war, he went on a tour of duty, under captain John Sayer to Fort Montgomery as a fifer in his company was there one month and a half the first time and afterwards operated the same kind of service at the same place one Fort Clinton Haverstraw and New City, three times was under the different captains of Coll. John Hatherns regiment three [?] each tour of duty.

He was several times on duty at Ramapoo and in the command of Captain Minthorn, Major John Poppins and other officers of Col. John Hatherns regiment twice times for the term for four weeks each time. He was at Tappan Haverstraw, Closter, Hackensack and Bergen Point while at Tappan was under the command of Capt. Thomas Wisner and laid in the intrenchments [entrenchments] there a month or more while there the british attempted to land and had a battle and drove the British army off was with the party that took a quantity of [?] from the British and got his prop[?]

Part of this pension is missing.

Indian frontier he was at Deckers for three times one month each time, Col Hathorn commanded he was pressed with his father's team to help move the park of artillery from Chester in the town of Goshen towards Philadelphia and was out two weeks in that time.

At an other time he was called into Service and went to the book house under Col. Hahorn he thinks in the year 1778 the summer before the hard battle at Minisink they had a skirmish with the Indians and above there and then the Indians pursued the Ammerican [American] troops to Minisink after the [???] That he did not only his own duty but duty as a substitute for his Brothers Garret Raynow, and Samuel Raynor and sometimes for his father Samuel Raynor that he did not less than six months duty (as a fifer and a private in the Malitia) each year for five years in succession during said War. That he knows of no other persons now living except those whose affidavits are hereto annexed that knows of his actual service in the revolutionary war that from old age and less of memory he is unable to give a more

detailed and circumstantiated relation of his service in the revolutionary War [war] that there is not a clergyman living very near to him and none with whom he has a sufficient acquaintance to enable them to testify any thing about the services of this Declarant—

That since the revolution and in the year 1790 he received a commission as Lieutenant in a company of Militia in the said town of Warwick in Lieut Colonel Henry Wisner's regiment and he received a commission as a captain in the year 1793 and served as a commissioned officer in said regiment for about ten years when he removed out of the beat of said company. He has no documentary evidence of his service in the war of the revolution and does not know of an officer now living under whom he served.

That he was born in the town of Fishkill County of Dutchess and State of New York as he has been informed and that his father removed while this Declarant was an infant to the town of Warwick in the said County of Orange where he has resided

Resided [?] that he was born on the 14th day of December 1759 as per a record in his family Bible.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

He further states that he was out on many alarms and scouts after Tories and refugees he thinks at one time more than two weeks and at other times less he was ordered out several times in pursuit of Claudus Smith and his associates several times and that he did much service and duty to his country. His commissions as Lieutenant and Captain in the militia he hereunto annexes.

And in answer to the Interrogatories specially put to him by the Court pursuant to the direction and regulations of the war deponent answers as follows.

1. He lived in the town of Warwick. He was born in the town of Fishkill County of Dutchess and State of New York on the 14th December 1759.
2. He has a record of his age in his Bible at his residence in the said town of Warwick.
3. He was living in the said town of Warwick when he was called into service and has ever since the revolutionary war and still does reside in the same town.
4. He was called into service in the militia sometimes to do his own tour of duty and at other times as a substitute for his father Samuel Rayner and sometimes for his brothers Garrit Raynor and Samuel Raynor and did the principal part of the duty of his father's whole family always when there was but one called out he did his own tour of duty and then as a substitute for the other members of the family as their tours came.
5. He remembers colonel Haythorn Captain John Sayer Captain Bailey, Major McCambly, Major Poppeno, Lieutenant John wood & General Wisner all militia officers at West Point and Fort Montgomery General White or Whitehead, General Washington commander in chief Genl LaFaett

- [Lafayette] commanded but at what particular time each commanded he is unable to state from the loss of his memory.
6. He never received a written discharge that not being customary.
 7. He states that he is known to Henry G. Wesner Esquire Jesse Wood Junior, Esquire, Isaac Smith William Carr Junr, Benjamin Davis Samuel brown and William Raynor Junior in his present neighbourhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) William Raymone '73
 8. Sworn and subscribed in open Court by me. Dec 2, 1833. Alex Forbes, Clerk