



Town of Southampton ~ Civil War Veterans

Henry Harrison Sandford

Hometown: Bridgehampton

Sandford served in the 81st New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, known as the "Mohawk Rangers," in Company H.

In 1861, at the age of 20, he mustered in with the rank of Private. He re-enlisted as a veteran in 1864 and mustered out with his company August 31, 1865, at Fort Monroe, VA.

Sandford is buried in the Old Bridgehampton Cemetery.



1861~1865



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MANY DEATHS IN NEARBY VILLAGES

HENRY H. SANDFORD

Henry H. Sandford, of Bridgehampton, died at his home on Butter lane Tuesday afternoon of last week, following an illness which has confined him to the house about all of the winter. He has been a life long resident of this village, being born in the Sandford homestead, in which he passed away, March 29, 1841, he being 78 years of age.

In 1861 Mr Sandford enlisted in the 81st N. Y. Regiment for three years, and then re-enlisted in the same regiment for the duration of the War. During his service in the army he was in 21 battles of the Civil War, among them being the Peninsular campaign of General McClellan, the capture of Fort Harrison, the siege of Petersburg, Cold Harbor, and the capture of Richmond. At the battles of Cold Harbor, Gen-

eral Grant lost ten thousand men in twenty minutes of fighting, and the 81st, then known as "the fighting regiment," was in the very front file of the charge, and the regiment came out of the battle with only eighty survivors. Mr. Sandford's comrades have told of when the order came for retreat, that he did not retreat, "stating that he was not going to be killed retreating." This incident gives a prominent characteristic of Mr. Sandford's entire life - a brave soldier and a fearless man.

When a young man he joined the Presbyterian Church of this place, and was always devoted to his religion. He is the last of the male line of his branch of the Sandford family, which at one time was one of the largest of this place, his ancestors having settled in Bridgehampton in the 17th century.

The deceased is survived by two sisters, Miss Elvira Sandford, of this place, and Mrs. W. H. Squires, of Southampton, and a large number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held from his late home on Friday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. Arthur Newman. The interment was in the Old Cemetery. His surviving comrades of this war, Orlando Howell, E. E. Halsey, Abury Halsey and John Kling acted as pall bearers; while the active pallbearers were four veterans of the World War, in uniform.

The deceased was also a member of Edwin Rose Post, G. A. R., of Sag Harbor. Bridgehampton News