

Pension Application for Robert Millard

S.9978

Declaration

Act of June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this 17th day of June 1840 personally appeared before the court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Robert Millard, aged 78 years, a resident of Clifton Park, Saratoga County N.Y. who being first duly served according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That early in the year 1778 he enlisted into a company of Batteaumen fatigue men &c commanded by Captain Barhydt of Schenectady and served for the whole of said year.

He enlisted at Stillwater where he then resided with his father Eleazer Millard & served with said company between Stillwater & Albany & to the landings along the North River, during the whole of said year the usual period of enlistment.

During the next year 1779 this Deponent being enrolled in a company of Militia commanded by Captain John Thompson of which Joseph Benjamin was Lieutenant and Joseph Row Ensign in the Regiment of Colonel Dickinson was called upon to serve in several short expeditions the particulars of which are not now recollected except that in the fall of said year he marched under said officers to Palmertown and remained on duty for at least three weeks.

In the month of June in the next year he enlisted into the New York State Troops & into the company of Captain Adiel Sherwood. He enlisted at Stillwater aforesaid from Stillwater he was ordered to Fort Edward, where having remained six weeks, he proceeded with said company to Fort Ann and remained on duty there for a like period of six weeks or until the month of September having served in all for a period of three months. At the expiration of said term of three months. At the expiration of said term of three months this Declarant was taken sick with the bilious fever, and his brother Nathaniel Millard (who had come to visit him and bring him clothes) took his place and served as his substitute & this Declarant returned home to Stillwater, said Nathaniel Millard is the same person on account of whose revolutionary services his widow Mary Millard now obtained a pension under the Act of Congress of July 7, 1838. Said Nathaniel Millard was taken prisoner shortly after the return of this Declarant as aforesaid and retained in imprisonment for about two years.

Shortly after the return of this Declarant as aforesaid, to wit in the month of October in said year & while yet weak from sickness he was ordered upon an expedition to Fort Edward under said Captain Thompson, & while there first received the information that his brother Nathaniel had been taken prisoner.

He served at this time about three weeks.

In the spring of the next year Declarant served on an expedition to Lake George under said Captain Thompson four [for] a term of at least five weeks.

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This Declarant in addition to the service heretofore mentioned performed various other short terms of service, being repeatedly called out upon alarms, but this Declarant is entirely unable (owing to old age and loss of memory) to specify particulars.

This Declarant has never applied for a pension before although often advised so to do. His principal reason for neglecting thus to apply was the supposition that his brothers name had taken the place of his upon the rolls returned to the war department, and not being aware that he was entitled to pension on account of his batteau service, and his said militia service not being sufficient to entitle him to a pension.

This Declarant makes his Declaration before Schenectady County Court it being more convenient for him to visit Schenectady than Ballston, the distance being much less & further that he is better acquainted in Schenectady & that no Court of Record is now sitting in the County of Saratoga.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served or as he can recollect, viz: Adjutant Jellis A. Fonda Declarant saw at Fort Ann, General Schuyler at whose quarters he was four or five weeks.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except David VanDerHeyden and his brother Barzillia Millard.

The following are the names of person to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. William H. Brown & Nathan Wilber the Clergyman belonging to the church which Declarant attends having been recently settled & being but little acquainted with Declarant.

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

(Signed) Robert Millard

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. Arch. Campbell, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.