

Pension Application for Amos Miller

S.23321

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Tompkins SS.

On this 28th day of July 1832, before the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said county, personally appeared Amos Miller, a resident of Lansing in said county, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn 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 & served as herein stated.

He enlisted as a volunteer 1st January 1776, at Fort Constitution, Dutchess Co., New York, as a minute man, under Capt. Raymont who commanded the fort—served as a Serjeant for four months & served till the ninth day of May following in the New York line—and was regularly discharged at Cornwall in Orange County N.Y. At the time he entered the service his residence was in the town of New Cornwall & County of Orange & state aforesaid.

In June 1776—again enlisted as a volunteer, at Bloominggrove In said Orange County, as a serjeant in said line—for five months—served his time out under Maj. Gen Sterling—Col. Samuel Drake & Capt. Seth Marvin as in the battle near Flat-bush on Long Island & in an engagement with the British in the retreat from New York about five miles above New York on [the] East river. Next day was in another engagement with them on York Island, and again at White Plains a short time afterwards, under Gen. McDugald, and was regularly discharged at Haverstraw in Rockland County.

In December 1776 was called into the service by Governor Clintons orders, went to New Jersey and was stationed near Hackensack under Gen. Clinton, Col. Marvin & Capt Francis Smith. Served as serjeant. His duty was scouting. Continued in this service until the former part of March 1777 and was then regularly discharged at Paramus. In this term was in a skirmish with the enemy at Hackensack, in the month of January.

On or about the 1st of May 1777 was again ordered into service by the last named officers & was employed in building Forts Montgomery & Clinton on Hudson river served four months. Was employed nearly the whole of this term in said Fort building except an excursion in pursuit of the Indians--& was regularly discharge about 1st of September, served as a serjeant in said line.

On or about the 1st of October 1777, was again ordered on duty under the last named officers in said line at said Fort Montgomery. On the 6th of October the fort was taken by the British. Next day this deponent was first n command of a reconnoitreing [reconnoitering] party, consisting of a Sergeant, a corporal, & twelve private. They were sent out to watch the movements of the enemy, which service

continued one month, until he was regularly discharged. In this term, captured about \$500 worth of property of the enemy.

In June 1778, the American army being stationed on & near the farm of his father, this deponent was again ordered into service of the Continental Army by Gen. Stirling as a guide and furnished his own horse, in which served he continued three months. He ranked as a Captain & received a captains rations, and when this term of service expired he received a certificate from said General Stirling of his services & received as pay a draft on Jared Banks who officiated as a treasurer in New York, for the sum of eight dollars per day during said service, which draft this deponent sote [sought] at a great sacrifice on account of the depreciation of Continental credit.

This deponent marched in Gen. Stirling's division to Haverstraw & there volunteered to accompany Gen. Wayne's army as a guide into Stony Point.

In June 1779 was appointed by Gen. Washington to take the command of scouting parties in the counties of Orange & Rockland, (as a captain) to pursue the refugees, & was authorized to draft out from the garrison at West Point, such number of men from time to time as he deemed necessary for the performance of said service. This service continued principally through the seasons. It commenced on or about the 1st of May & continued until about the 1st of November following. In the course of this tour he received intelligence from Maj. Connor Strong, that a part of Tories of about forty in number had been discovered in the Schuwamnuck [Shawangunk] Mountains on their way to New York. On the receipt of which news he pursued, overtook & captured the whole party & brought them in & delivered them to the charge of his commanding officers. The captain of this party was afterwards tried & hung at Esopus N.Y. at the time this deponent first entered the service of the United States, he resided in New Cornwell aforesaid.

He has no documentary evidence & He 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) Amos Miler

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid, before me. Cyrus Powers, Judge of Tompkins County Courts.

Letter in folder dated October 20, 1908, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your letter dated the 16th and received the 17th instant, I have the honor to advise you that from the papers in claim Sur. File No., 23,321, it appears that Amos Miller was born at Bernard, Somerset County, New Jersey, July 5, 1752, and while a resident of New Cornwell, Orange County, New York, enlisted at Fort Constitution and served as Sergeant in the New York militia, from January 1 to May 9, 1776 under Captain Raymond, and Col. Isaac Nichols; from June 1776, for 5 months under Captain Seth Marvin and Colonel Samuel Drake, and was in the battles of Flatbush, York Island and White Plains, and in a skirmish at Hackensack; from December 1776 to March 1777, under Captain Francis Smith and Colonel Marvin; from May 1, to September 1, 1777 under Captain Francis Smith and Colonel Marvin; and from October 1, 1777 for one month under the same officers from June 1778 her

served 3 months as Military Guide with rank of Captain by order of General Stirling, and from June 1779 he served 6 months as Captain of Scouting parties in Orange and Rockland Counties.

He was allowed pension on an application executed July 28, 1832 while a resident of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York.

In 1833 his children are referred to as living at Locke, Cayuga County, New York, one a son, no name stated.