

Pension Application for Johannes Miller or John Miller
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State of New York

Orange County ss. Thomas Willson of the Town of Newburgh in said county being duly sworn says that he is aged seventy eight years. That he was a soldier in the army of the Revolution that in the latter part of the month of June in the 1776 this deponent enlisted into a company of militia at Newburgh aforesaid of which company James Milliken was captain James Mourrell was first & Alexander Beaty was second Lieutenant said company belonged to Colonel Pauldings regiment that said company was on duty at Kingsbridge and at White Plains & Long Island & along the Hudson River, that said company was enlisted for a term of five months. That this deponent was before & until his death acquainted with Johannes Miller that said Miller enlisted in said company about the same time that this deponent did, and remained therein until the latter part of the month of December in the year aforesaid that during all the term of service this deponent & said Miller were messmates, and this deponent well knows that he faithfully served in said company from the latter part of the month of June until the latter part of the month of December in the year aforesaid having served nearly six months under an enlistment for five months that this deponent & said Miller were both discharged on the same day at Fort Constitution on the Hudson river that they were discharged within a few days of Christmas, that this deponent knew said Johannes Miller until the time of his death and that said Millers widow is now living, that this deponent knows that said Miller served in the aforesaid company more than five months & fifteen days but can not be positive as the number of days more than the aforesaid term of five months

Subscribed & sworn before me this 1st day of December 1836 Thos Willson

H Armstrong Justice of the peace

State of New York

Orange County ss. Samuel S Crawford of the Town of Montgomery in said county being duly sworn says that he was aged seventy four years in the month of July last past. That he was a soldier in the army of the revolution. That about the month of September in the year 1779, he was called out in the service of the United States That he belonged to Captain William Telfords company in which Henry Neely & John Barber were Lieutenants & William Crist ensign, that said company belonged to Colonel Hathorn's regiment & General Wm. Malcomb brigade, that said company was called out for the term of three months, that said company first mustered at Newburgh in Orange County & crossed the river & marched to Fishkill Village in Dutchess county & remained at said village & were quartered in the old stone church in said village & remained about one month that then they drew tents & were encamped within one half a mile from said village where the company remained until they were discharged in the early part of the month of November in said year that during all the aforesaid service this deponent well knew Johannes Miller who was a sergeant in said company & done duty in said company as a Sergeant, and that said Miller remained there until said company was discharged that this deponent cannot now recollect from loss of memory the precise length of service in said Tour, but he know that said Miller was a Sergeant in said company & served until the same was discharged, but that said company did not remain to the recollection of this deponent the whole of the term of three months for which they were called out and furfurther says not

Sworn before me this 12th day of December 1836

Saml. S. Crawford

H Armstrong Justice of the Peace

State of New York

Orange County ss. John Newkirk of Newburgh in said county being duly sworn deposes & says that that he is aged eighty three years on the seventeenth day of January last past. That in the year 1778 according to the best of the recollection of this deponent, he knew Johannes Miller late of the Town of Montgomery deceased that said Miller then belonged to a company of Militia of the State of New York of which Henry Van Keuren was captain, said company was during a part of the months of July & August in the year 1778, stationed at a place called Hunk on the west side of Shawangunk mountain in Ulster county for the term of one month, in defending the inhabitants against the Indians, that this deponent was then a captain of a company of Militia of the Town of Mamakating in Ulster county but now Sullivan that on the twenty second day of August in said year this deponent left his home with his company, composed of men from several classes in Col John Cantine's regiment to relieve Captain Van Keuren's company that when this deponent arrived at Hunk he there found Johannes Miller in the service as a Sergeant under Captain Van Keuren in said company at Hunk and that said company was called out for one month & at the end of said month, they were relieved by this deponent that this deponent well recollects that said Miller was in said months service as a sergeant, & that he well recollects the day of the month which this deponent left his home for the purpose of relieving said Van Keuren, but he may be mistaken as to year but he knows that it must have been as late as the year 1778, that he was acquainted with said Miller both before & after the revolutionary war until the time of his death & that he was in the service as before stated.

Sworn before me this 13th day of December 1836

John Newkirk

H Armstrong Justice of the Peace

State of New York

Orange County ss. Benjamin Van Keuren of Montgomery in said county being duly sworn says, that he was aged seventy one years on the fifteenth day of May last, that he is the son of Henry Van Keuren who was a captain of a company of Militia in the army of the Revolution. That he was well acquainted with Johannes Miller & Eve his wife that the said Johannes Miller lived with the father of this deponent until about one year before he was married, that this deponent well recollects that in the year 1777, the father of this deponent was called to Fort Montgomery a few days before the fort was captured by the british to take the command of a company drafted from Col McClaughry's regiment for one month & that his said father was at said battle. That a few days after the taking of said fort this deponent went to New Windsor for the purpose of taking clothes to his said father & said Miller that he found his said father & said Miller both in the service at New Windsor, and that this deponent cannot recollect the precise term of service which his said father & said Miller done at that time but believes that he served the term of one month at New Windsor in guarding the Hudson River & preventing the british troops from Landing at the time they passed up to Kingston & burnt that village & then returned to New York, and this deponent well recollects that said Miller served with his said father in alarms during the year 1777 & 1778 that he knows that they were frequently out on duty but does not know the precise length of the tours of service. That this deponent recollects that he was present & saw the said Johannes Miller & Eve his wife married by the Rev Andrew King at the house of Johannes Moule the father of said Eve that they were married in the spring of the year, but this deponent cannot now recollect the year, but knows that they were married long before the close of the revolutionary war, & that he has heard his said father relating circumstances in relation to the service of said Johannes after he was married to his said wife & that the said Johannes used to keep the rolls of his said father while in service but does not know of his own knowledge that he was a sergeant that he know said Miller died in the month of December 1834, & that the said Eve Miller has remained his widow ever since & that the said Johannes Miller was usually called Hons by his neighbours & acquaintances & this deponent further says that it has always been reputed in the neighbourhood where he resided that said Miller had been a soldier in the army of the revolution & of his own knowledge that he often went with his said father as a soldier on alarms, & further says not
Sworn before me this 2nd day of February 1837 Benjamin Van Keuren
H Armstrong Justice of the Peace

State of New York

Orange County ss. John Miller of Montgomery in said county being duly sworn says that he was aged fifty six years on the eleventh day of December last past, that he is the son of Johannes & Eve Miller, that he has often heard his said father speak of his being in the five months service in the year 1776 and also that he had served under Captain Van Keuren at Hunk and on different tours along the western frontiers of Ulster County. That the family record here with transmitted is in the hand writing of this deponent, that he copied the same from a record in the hand writing of his father many years since that said old record was on the leaf of an old family bible belonging to his said father that the leaf became separated from said bible & that he copied the record transmitted herewith at the direction of his said father & that the same was in the hand writing of his said father & was then an old paper, & this deponent verily believes the entries were made of the marriage & birth of his said father & mother were made soon after their said marriage that the entry of the births & marriages on the paper herewith transmitted are all in the hand writing of this deponent except the one under the date of 1817, which is in the handwriting of his said father. That he knows that his mother has remained a widow ever since the death of his said father & that his said father was usually called Hons Miller instead of Johannes, & further says not
Subscribed & sworn before me this 2nd day of February 1837
H Armstrong Justice of the Peace John Miller

State of New York

Orange County ss. On this fourteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the county of Orange Eve Miller a resident of the Town of Montgomery in the county of Orange aforesaid & state of New York aged seventy six years on the eighth day of October last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Johannes Miller late of said Town deceased who was a private & sergeant in the service of the United States

That as this deponent has been informed & believes her said husband in the latter part of the month of June in the year 1776, enlisted into a company of Militia of the State of New York of which company James Milliken was captain James Morrell was first & Alexander Beaty was second Lieutenant said company belonged to Colonel Pauldings regiment said company was mustered at Newburgh in said county in the month of June aforesaid for the term of five months that said company was on duty at White plains Long Island & along the Hudson river and were discharged at New Windsor in said county about the first of January in the year 1777, having served near six months under an enlistment for five months.

That as she is also informed & believes, her said husband was again called into the service of the United States in the month of October in the year 1777, at the time of the taking of Fort Montgomery by the British on an alarm there in a company under the command of Captain Henry Van Keuren Robert Morrell & John Barber were Lieutenants said company was stationed at New Windsor in said county to guard against the British army which was then passing up the Hudson river & that she believes her said Husband remained at New Windsor until after the British army returned down the river to New York which service continued about one month

That as she is also informed & believes that her said husband was called into the service in the month of July in the year 1778 for the Term of one month, in a company of militia of which Henry Van Keuren was captain

said company was composed of several classes of men from Col Cantine's regiment that said service of one month was done at Hunk on the west side of Shawangunk mountain in the then county of Ulster that her said husband served the term of one month as Orderly Sergeant and was discharged in the latter part of the month of August in the year last aforesaid

That as she is also informed & believes that her said husband on the first of the month of September in the year 1779, her said husband was again called into the service in a company of militia of said State under the command of Captain William Telford of which company Henry Neely & John Barber were Lieutenant & William Crist was Ensign said company belonged to Colonel Hawthorn's regiment & General Malcolm's brigade, for the term of three months said company was mustered at Newburgh & were marched to Fishkill in Dutchess county & remained at Fishkill until the first of November in said year when said company was discharged at said place having served but two months & during said service her said husband was a sergeant & done duty as such during the term last aforesaid

And that as she has also been informed & believes he said husband served several tours of service under Captain William Cross who was a captain of a company of militia under the direction of the committee of safety & belonged to Colonel Johannes Jansons regiment during the year 1780 & 1781, which said tours were from five to fifteen days at each time, but which said service will more fully appear from the rolls of Captain Cross & now on file in the pension office That her said husband was born on the twenty first day of January in the year 1760, as appears from the family record here with transmitted, that she was married to her said husband by the Rev Andrew King on the sixteenth day of March in the year 1779, at Montgomery aforesaid as will appear from the record aforesaid. That her oldest child by her said husband whose name is John Miller was born on the eleventh day of December in the year 1779, that her said husband died on the seventeenth day of December in the year 1834, at Montgomery aforesaid and that her said husband was usually called amongst his neighbours & acquaintances "Hons Miller" instead of Johannes Miller & that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed but that she has no other documentary evidence of her said husbands service.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day
& year above written before me
H W Elliott Judge of Orange Com Pleas

Eve Miller