

Pension Application for Abner Miller

W.496 (Widow: Sarah) Married October 5, 1806, and Abner died August 8th 1847.

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State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before Abraham G. Hardenberg, Abraham A. Deyo and John Johnson, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ulster aforesaid sitting as a court of Record having a clerk and a common seal Abner Miller a resident of the town of New Paltz in the said County and in the State of New York aforesaid aged sixty eight years 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in the town of Bedford in the County of Westchester on the seventeenth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty four.

That the bible belonging to his father which contained the record of his age was destroyed by a [?]

That he entered the service of the United States under the officers and served in the manner herein after stated.

That he entered into service on or about the first day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine at the age of fifteen years as a volunteer in the company commanded by Marcus Moseman that his father Silas Miller was first Lieutenant. That Gabriel Higgins was second Lieutenant and that Eli Tyler was ensign. That they were attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Thomas. That he does not recollect the other Field officers and this deponent further saith that he served thus for a period of nearly two years.

That in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, he enlisted in a company of horse (volunteers) commanded by Captain Jacob M. Vermilya, Lieutenant Abijah Harris.

That he served in the same until the end of the Revolutionary War and for more than one year. That at both times he entered into service in the town of Bedford aforesaid, and served in the said town and neighboring towns in the said County of Westchester.

That the only regular troops that were stationed near him that he recollects were the companies of Capt Wattels, Captain Pritchard and Captain Fog. The Christian names of neither of whom he recollects, and that said companies or some or one of them were in the habit of accompanying them to the neutral ground on the excursions made by the militia.

That he was never was in any battle, but in several skirmishes. That the company horse of which he was one together with an other company of horse under the command of Capt. Honeywell once had a severe skirmish in Morrisinia with Delancy Corps, or tories and refugees.

That the particular manner of his service he cannot particularly state but that it was dangerous and fatiguing.

That he resided after the close of the war in the said town of Bedford, and in the towns of Mount Pleasant and Peekskill in the said County of Westchester until the spring of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen when he removed to the town of New Paltz in the County of Ulster, and that he has ever since and still resides in the last mentioned town.

That he never received any written discharge.

That the officers above named are all deceased as far as he has been able to ascertain, excepting Abijah Harris, one of the deponents in the annexed affidavit.

That he is acquainted with John J Deyo and Charles Kiellin of the Town of New Paltz in the County of Ulster, and that he is a member of the church under the care of the Reverend Benjamin VanKeuren of Espous. That he called this day upon him and requested him to attend this present court at Kingston. That the said Benjamin VanKeuren on account of ill health and the badness of the weather was not enabled to attend.

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) Abner Miller

Sworn & Subscribed in open court the day & year above written. AG Hardenbergh, Abm A. Deyo, John Jansen.