

Pension Application for John Miller

S.42990

State of New York

Ulster County Common Pleas SS.

On the 4th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court of Common Pleas being a court of record for the said County of Ulster proceeding according to the course of the common law, and having a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of their proceedings in the State of New York, John Miller aged sixty three years the 5 day of last April and a resident in the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows—

That [he] enlisted in Capt. Jonathan Hallett's Company in the 2d New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortland and served in the same five and a half years or thereabouts, the dates of his original declaration is dated on the 15th day of April 1818, and the number of his pension certificate is 5548.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled and act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war pass'd the 18th day of march 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annex'd and by me subscribed.

Schedule—He possess no property. What little had was [?] by a constable about eight weeks ago. His occupation has been that of a laborer in years past—at the present time he is unable to labour owing to a wound he received at the taking of Cornwallis at York-town in Virginia—his wife is sixty seven years old—very infirm owing to the Dropsy and unable to labour owing to the above complaint and old age—he has no other person living with him in his family. (Signed with his mark) John Miller

Sworn and subscribed in open court this fourth day of July 1820 before me.
Lucas Elmendorf first Judge of the said Court.

Letter in folder dated February 18, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to John Miller who served in the Second New York Regiment, under Colonel Philip VanCourtland, in the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of birth of John Miller, and names of his parents were not stated.

John Miller enlisted in Ulster County, New York, in the year 1777, served as a private in Captain Jonathan Hallett's company, in Colonel Philip VanCortland's

Second New York, Regiment; he was in the battle at Fort Stanwix, and at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered, where he received a wound, nature of wound not given, and was discharged, in the month of June 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 15, 1818, at which time he was aged about fifty-nine years, and living in Marlboro, Ulster County, New York.

In 1820, John Miller's wife was sixty-seven years old; her name was not stated, the papers on file this claim contain no further discernible data in regard to the family of the soldier, John Miller.

John Miller died May 30, 1829.