

Pension Application for John Miller

R.7212 (Widow: Leah) Married in 1795. John died Dec. 4, 1842.

Erie County

State of New York SS.

On this sixth day of December 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at Buffalo in said county John Miller a resident of Newstead in the county of Erie and State of New York and State of New York aforesaid aged seventy one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the town of Montgomery in the County of Montgomery and State of New York in the year seventeen hundred and sixty one.

That he entered service of the United States as a private as a substitute of one William Thompson in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven in June under the following officers of New York Militia Volunteering to wit: Captain William Cross—that he does not recollect the names of any other officers—

That he left the town of Montgomery [?]-He then resided about the first of June and marched through Newburgh to West Point where he was employed one month in erecting or building two forts opposite Fort Constitution on the east side of the Hudson River and was discharged about the first of July after serving one months the time that he engaged.

He had but a verbal discharge—does not recollect any name of any Continental officers.

And the said John Miller further says that in January in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight he enlisted for the term of three months under Captain Timothy Sullivan of the New York Militia volunteers as a private and teamster. [blot] he marched from from [sic] Montgomery where he resided in January to Newburgh in the State of New York—that he was employed in during a team hauling clothing and provisions for the Continental Army – at Newburgh and it's vicinity and along the Hudson River to Stillwater and also down said River to White Plains near the British lines till about the first of April when he was discharged after serving three months the term for which he enlisted. He had but a verbal discharged [discharge] – does not recollect the names of any of the officers.

And the said John Miller further says in the month of September in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine he again volunteered for three months in the New York Militia under Captain Levi DeWitt, Colonel Thomas Johnson.

That he marched from Montgomery to a place called Shawangunk Kill in the County of Orange at the expiration of the three months was discharge had a discharge given him but he lost it.

And the said John Miller further saith that in the month of October in the year 1879 [1779] he again enlisted for the term of one month & marched to the aforesaid Shawangunk Kill to defend the inhabitants of the frontier from the invasion of the Indians under the command of the said Capt Levi DeWitt and that he was on several

other occasions called on & went to the then frontier for a week or more at a time under the command of the said Levi DeWitt.

That he has resided since the revolutionary war in the state of Pennsylvania in the County of Luzerne for the time of one year. From there he removed to the Town of Scipio in the County of Cayuga about 5 years from there he removed to what is now the town of Newstead in the County of Erie in the state of New York until about two years ago when I removed to the Territory of Michigan and stayed for the term of one year & then I removed to the town of [???

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) John Miller.

Sworn & subscribed this 6th day of December 1832 before me. Noah P. Sprague,
Clerk of the Common Pleas