

Pension Application for Peleg Miller

W.18518 (Widow: Phebe) Married June 1786. Peleg died October 1, 1838.

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this 9 day of October 1832 personally appeared before the county court of Common Pleas of the County of Delaware Peleg Miller a resident of the town of Franklin in the said county of Delaware, aged seventy five 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in the town of East Hampton in the County of Suffolk State of New York in August 1757 & resided in that town until the first week in June 1776 when he inlisted into a company of a crops called the Flying clamp, raised for the defences of Long Island. He enlisted as a private for five months. The company into which he enlisted was commanded by Capt. Ezekiel Mumford, Lieutenant David Sayres & Nathaniel Hand.

The regiment to which said company was attached was commanded by Col. Josiah Smith. The majors name was Epinctus Smith. He continued in service in said company on Long Island till the September following when the American army retreated therefrom & repaired to New York.

He marched with his company on the evacuation of New York, by Kingsbridge to New Rochelle where he took shipping with said company & was landed at Sag Harbor.

After his arrival at Sag Harbor in the month of September he was engaged with others of his crops with a Captain Byington in transporting people & effects from Long Island to Connecticut for about three weeks, when he with a sufficient number of his work to form a company were collected at New Haven under the command of Lieut Sayre aforesaid & kept garrison there for about two months under the command of Col. Harry Livingston. He with his said company under the command of Lt. Sayre at this time called Captain, marched from New Haven to old Milford in Connecticut.

About this time the five months had expired for which they had enlisted but he with almost all the said company volunteered their services to garrison the place & guard the coast along that part of Long Island sound.

He continued in this service till sometime in December when he was dismissed. He returned home by the way of Stonington & arrived at East Hampton a few days before Christmas. He cannot exactly determine the time he served but this he distinctly recollects that he received for his pay, fifty one dollars & a part of a dollar in Continental money, which he kept till it was depreciated to almost nothing.

He was engaged during this service in one ground battle. That was the battle of Brooklyn Heights where Gen. Washington commanded, a few days before the retreat from Long Island to New York.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

He does not know if any one of his corps who served till their dismissal at Milford who is now alive. He has no discharge on written documents whereby to prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

(Signed) Peleg Miller

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk