

### **Pension Application for William C. Miller**

W.17146 (Widow: Christina) Married December 14, 1788, William died September 30, 1838.

Sstate of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this sixth day of November 1832 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson County aforesaid, the same being a court of record William C. Miller aged seventy years, who resides in the town of Ghent in said County, & who being 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 Claverack in said County in September of the year 1762 that he resided there till the year 1777—

That in the middle of June of 1777 he volunteered in the service of the United States in the company of Capt Jacob Phillips & Regiment of Col. Henry VanRensselaer. He was ordered to drive the baggage of said company & Regiment & marched through Albany on to Fort Edward.

He was there ordered to bring the military stores from Ft. George to St. Edward on the retreat of Genl Schuyler before Burgoyne—He was discharged about the first of Oct & returned home having been in actual service three & a half month.

Again on the first of May in the year 1776, he was ordered out in the company of said Capt Jacob Phillips to go to the north on a sudden alarm—He marched through Albany, Schenectady on to Canajoharie on the Mohawk River & remained at that & other stations till the last of August, when he was discharged after an actual service of four months.

About the first of Sept. of the same year, immediately after returning home, the company of said Capt. Phillips was organized with others on a regular active service against the tories & cowboys—he was marched to different sections of the County & in actual service till some time in December following making three months—A part of this time Col. VanRensselaer commanded in person.

Again in the month of May about the middle of said month of the year 1779 he was ordered out in the same company as before, & marched through Albany, Schenectady to Duanesburg where he tarried till duly discharged, & was absent from home at this time three & a half months, being discharged about the first of September of the same year.

Again he joined the night watch & served one month in actual duty.

Again in the first of June 1780 he was ordered out in the same company as before, commanded by Lieutenant Jeremiah Miller, & marched through Albany HalfMoon Point to StillWater. Jacob Esselstyne was Major at this time—He was discharged about the Middle of August, having been absent two & a half months.

Again in the first of September 1781, he was ordered out in a company commanded by Jeremiah Miller, & same Colonel as before.

Marched through Albany, Schenectady to Stonerobie [Stone Arabia] where the[y] had a battle with the Indians under Butler & Brant. Colonel VanRensselaer was in command of his Regiment at this time. He was in actual service at this time three months being discharged the last of November.

That in all these periods of service he was on actual duty nineteen & a half months.

That he has no record of other than tradition. That since the Revolution he resided in said Claverack till the year 1806—then removed to Rensselaer—returned to this County 1814. In 1823 moved to Steuben County in this state. In 1826 returned to this County & has here resided ever since.

That he never has held any commission or received any written discharge.

That the officers under whome [whom] he served are Captains Phillip & Miller & Col. Van Rensselaer that he has no documentary evidence.

That he can find no living witness of his said service, but would refer to the following neighbors who can testify to his character for truth veracity & his general reputation as a soldier of the Revolution. Viz John J. Miller first Judge of the County Court, Jacob McGinnis, John Gaul, Joseph D. Monell Clerk of the county & many others.

And he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) William C. Miller

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid before me out of Court. J. W. Fairfield Justice as aforesaid.