

Pension Application for Christian Milspaugh or Millspaugh

S.42992

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this 18th day of April 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas In and for Orange County in the State of New York personally appears Christian Milspaugh aged fifty eight years resident in the town of Montgomery in the County of Orange aforesaid and State of New York who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, that he the said Christian Milspaugh enlisted in the year 1777 about the 12th day of April at Fort Montgomery in the County of Orange—in the State of New York for three years in the company commanded by Captain James Black of the infantry and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Malcomb.

That he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the Spring of the year 1780 when he was discharged from service at [Mendam?] in the State of New Jersey that he was in the battle of Monmouth and was under Genl Sullivan in his expedition against the Indians—and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his county for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the sworn certificate of Samuel Sly herewith enclosed who served in the same company with the said Christian Milspaugh as an orderly Sargent during the said three years. (Signed) Christian Milspaugh

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. John Blake one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Orange County.

Letter in folder dated August 15, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of a number of Revolutionary War soldiers of Orange and Ulster Counties, New York, with the surname Millbough or Milspaugh, variously spelled.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and the claim for pension of only one soldier named Milspaugh, under any spelling, found, that of Christian Milspaugh, or Millspaugh. His record is furnished herein as found in the papers on file In that claim, S.42992, based upon his service in that war. It may aid you in your research.

Christian Milspaugh, or Millspaugh, enlisted Aril 12, 1777, at Fort Montgomery, Orange County, New York, served as a private in Captain James Black’s company;, Colonel Malcolm’s Continental regiment for about two years, was then transferred, at Easton, Pennsylvania, and served in Captains William Bull’s and John Orr’s company, Colonel Oliver Spencer’s Continental regiment until sometime in April 1780, when he was discharged; during the period of his service, he was in the battle of Monmouth, and in General Sullivan’s Expedition against the Indians.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 18, 1818, at which time he resided in Montgomery, Orange County, New York. He was then aged fifty-eight years; the date and place of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

In 1820, the soldier's wife was aged sixty-four years, her name not given, nor the date and place of their marriage shown. The other members of his family living with him then were his son, Absalom, aged thirty-two years, and "a girl aged thirteen years".

Christian Milspaugh, or Millspaugh died July 28, 1830.