

Pension Application for John Myers

W.24028

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the 3d section of the act of Congress of the 4th July 1836.

State of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of April 1837, personally appeared before the Honble [Honorable] the Judges of the Court of common Pleas of said County in Open court Anna Myers a resident of Dallas Township in said County & State, aged seventy seven years & upwards, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of congress passed July 4th 1836—That she is the widow of John Myers, who was a private in the Army of the revolution and she understood enlisted at Minisink in the State of N. York in the Month of June 1781 in a company of Militia under the command of Captain Abraham Westfall (1) for a term of nine months and during said time was stationed in and about Minisink during the time for which he enlisted and was discharged at the termination of said period—at the time she was married to the said Myers he then had about three months to serve in order to complete his time, and during this period she well knew he was in the service as he was in the habit of sitting home on furlough —After his time of service had expired she lived with her said husband in Miniskink about thirty years & that then they removed to the County of Tioga in the State aforesaid where her said husband died and that some years after that she removed to the State of Penn'a where she now resides—She further declares that she was married to the said John Myers on the 3rd day of January A.D. 1782—That her husband the aforesaid John Myers died on the first day of June 1818 and that she had remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed. That she has a family Bible in which the time of marriage is duly recorded and was married by Evi Adams Esquire and she well recollects that Jane VanFleet (2) whose affidavit is here attached was present at the marriage.

(Signed with her mark) Anna Myers

Sworn & Subscribed in open court the 29th day of April 1837. Jno. Smith,
Prothonotary

Personally appeared in open court at the same time John Forgeson who being duly sworn deposeth and says that he is seventy one years of age and upwards that he was well acquainted with the said John Myers above named, that the first knowledge he had of the service of the said John, he saw him in Captain Abraham Westfalls Company of Militia to which company this deponent belonged at the same time—to wit in the month of June 1781—That this deponent and said Myers were both enlisted soldiers in said company and he continued in said company with said Myers till some time in March following Capt. Westfalls Company was attached to Col. Spauldings (3) Regiment and was [blank] a Major(4) in said Regiments.—They were generally stationed at Minisink where they enlisted in the State aforesaid—This deponent was discharged from service a short period before the said John but cannot say as to the time, but when he left the service the said John was still in said company—and while in service he went home with the said Myers and he the said Myers introduced the afore mentioned applicant as his wife, and at that time they lived and cohabited together as man and wife, and were so deemed and reputed among their neighbors, and so far as this deponent knows they lived together till the death of the said John—which was on the first day of June 1818—That since the death of the said John the said Anna has not been married.

(Signed) John Forgeson

Sworn and Subscribed in Open Court this 29 day of April 1837.

End Notes – W.24028—John Myers

1. Abraham Westfall was appointed on April 27, 1781 in Lieutenant Colonel commandant Albert Pawling's Regiment of New York State Levies.

2. It should be Pawling or as it was generally spelled also at the time as Paulding.

3. On February 24, 1837 in Sussex County New Jersey, Jane VanFleet and James Clark testify to being at the wedding of John Myers and Anna Little which was performed by Evi Adams a Justice of the Peace.

Also included was a page from the family Bible and Myers is spell Miers as follows:

Names	Births	Marriages	Death
John Miers	March 10 th , 1756	Jan 3d 1781	
Anna Miers	April 12 th , 1760		
Mary Miers	March 24 th , 1782		Dec 12, 1794
Martin Miers	Jan 26 th 1784	Feb 18 th , 1805	
Phebe Miers	March 14, 1786	March 12 th 1804	
Jane Miers	Dec. 16 th 1789	June 14 th 1807	
James Miers	Jan 16th 1791	Dec 8 th 1810.	
Charlotte Miers	Dec 21 st 1793		July 4 th , 1809
Jacob Miers	Dec 31, 1795	Feb 7 th , 1821	
Elizabeth Miers	July 23 rd , 11798		August 22 nd , 1808
Anna Miers	July 12 th 1800	Dec 1817	
John Miers	Jan 20 th 1803		Jan 23d, 1803

4. There were two majors appointed on April 27, 1781 in Pawling's Regiment. They were Elias VanBenscoten and Thomas DeWitt.