

Pension Application for Cornelius Miller

W.16652 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married March 11, 1779, Cornelius died June 24, 1822.
State of New York
WestChester County
Town of Bedford SS.

Nathan Clark aged eighty years, James Raymond aged eighty one years and Abijah Harris aged eighty one years, all residents of the Town of Bedford in the County of West Chester and State of New York, being duly sworn and on their oaths say that they were severally and personally acquainted during the Revolutionary War, which Cornelius Miller late of the Town of Bedford in said County deceased.

And that these deponents well recollect that the said Cornelius Miller entered the service of the United States on or about the first of July 1776 either as a Drafted Soldier or a volunteer in which capacity these deponents Does not recollect said Cornelius Miller with the said deponents entered the service as above stated under Captain Elijah Hunter in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Thomas and served in the company of said Capt Hunter for the term of six months as follows, viz first—at the mouth of the Croton River—thence marched to TarryTown to guard the shore and neighbourhood at the time the Phoenix and Rose (two British vessels) lay off against TarryTown, thence marched to Kings Bridge where the said Miller and Company served in building barracks, and Fort Independence untill the month of October, thence marched to the White Plains, from there to Peekskill and then continued in service until the last of December, thence marched to Harrison Purchase, in said County where the said Cornelius Miller and these deponents were discharged, and the said James Raymond further says that he saw the said Cornelius Miller under arms performing duty on the lines near East Chester but in what company or for what length of time cannot say, also saw him the said Cornelius Miller several times since, acting as Corporal and having men under his charge called Corporals guard, to guard the stores, cattle and other property in the said town of Bedford in the year 1779, should think from the knowledge deponent had of the service of said Corporal Miller.

He must have served several months, and the said Cornelius Miller, in the American Service on several different times he thinks in the years 1779 and 1780 and then deponents further state, that the said Cornelius Miller was reputed to have been a good friend to his country and an active man and soldier and performed much service in the defense of his country, but having served in other companies and under other officers from those under which these deponents served, they are unable to sate the precise time of said Militia service during the Revolutionary War and further during the Revolutionary War and further these deponents say not. (Signed) Nathan Clark, James Raymond, Abijah Harris.

Sworn & Subscribed this 11th day of November 1836 before me. Jabez Robertson, Justice of the Peace.