

## **Pension Application for Daniel Miller**

S.23804

State of New York

Tompkins County SS

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Tompkins, now sitting, David Miller a resident of the town of Newfield in the County of Tompkins and State of New York, aged seventy years the thirtieth day of December last, who being first 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

In the month of May 1777, at the town of Harrison, WestChester County in the State of New York, he entered as a volunteer private, into a militia company commanded by Capt. John Thomas, in Col. Thomas Thomas' Regiment, that he & said company & Regiment were stationed at the house of one Benjamin Clapp, in a street called King's Street in the same town, in which he entered.

The house of said Benjamin Clapp stood on the line between the States of New York & Connecticut, a part of the house being in each state.

That he and those with whom he served were stationed as a guard against the tories who were committing great Depredations upon the inhabitants and property in that region of Country.

He served in said company and regiment, two months was discharged or dismissed, and returned home—

In the month of May, the precise day not recollected, 1778 at Middle-patent in said county of West Chester he again entered as a volunteer private, a company commanded by Captain David Hobbie in Col. Thomas Thomas' Regiment – In this last service he was not stationed at any particular place, though their head quarters were at said town of Middle – Patent –They were employed in marching about the county of West Chester.

That he was out in this last mentioned service in the same Company & Regiment six months was again dismissed and returned home.

In the month of June 1780, at New Bedford purchase in said County of WestChester had again entered as a volunteer private, a militia company commanded by Captain St. John—

That he marched with said company, and a part of the regular Army down near to New York after forage—that in this last service he was out two months, was again dismissed and returned home—Was in no ground battle during his several services.

During his second service, in the night-time he & were others, had an engagement with eight tories, who were employed in Stealing cattle. They killed one

tory name of Reuben Tucker, and man whom he had known well, and wounded two more, one of the name of Charles Green, and the other man wounded he did not know or does not recollect, and released two men who were prisoners of said tories. The names of the prisoners released, were David Brown and Halsey Brown.

He knew General Washington, General Gates & Col. Meigs of the Regular Army, Col. Meigs died of sickness at the house of Samuel Haight in the town [?] Harrison a little below White Plains.

He has no documentary testimony of his services, and knows but one man, to wit, Miles Forman, Esquire of Newfield in the County of Tompkins, who can prove any part of his services.

Said Forman served with him the second time he was out, and can prove his services at that time only.

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

Was born in the town of Harrison in the County of WestChester and State of New York on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1763, if he has been correctly informed as to his age—Has no record of his age—Lived in Middle-Patent in the County of West Chester when he entered in the service—Since the Revolution he lived in the town of Harrison where he was [?] about twelve years—He then moved up to North Castle in the same County and then lived three years—From thence he moved into Deer-Park in the County of Orange and State of New York and lived there about fourteen years and from thence he moved in Covert & then Ovid) Seneca County and Sate aforesaid and lived there until two years ago and State aforesaid and lived there until two years ago this spring when he he [sic] moved into the town of Euclid where he has since resided and since resides—volunteered each time when [?] entered the service. Did not serve with the troops of the regular army except the last time he was out & he as then in the service but a short time, and does not recollect the names of any with whom he served.

Recollects the Regiment of Militia in which he served, Col. Thomas', and Col. [?] Regiment. His services principally consisted in guarding the inhabitants and their properties against the depredations of the tories, and [tear] to the County of West Chester—Never received a discharge and never held a commission.

Knows Andrew Brown of Enfield and has been acquainted with him many years. He knows and has been known to General Isaiah Smith, Allyn Boardman, William Smith, Jonathan Brown and many others in the town of Covert Seneca County. Has labored many years for General Smith. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Miller

Subscribed & sworn the day & year aforesaid, Saml Love, Clk