

Pension Application for James Miller

W.19881 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married Nov 1, 1781. James died June 27, 1831.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this fifth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty in open court to wit the Court of Common Pleas this day holden at the Academy in the Village of Newburgh in and for the County aforesaid the said court being a Court of Record for said County by virtue of the Statutes and constitution of said State, personally appeared James Miller aged seventy three years resident in the town of Warwick in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit, in the Second Regiment commanded first by Colonel Lichmore and afterwards by Captain Charles Graham of the New York Line.

That the date of his original declaration is the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

That the number of his Pension Certificate is 13,390. And the said James Miller in open court as aforesaid doth take the following oath to wit—

“James Miller do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of march one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed thereby so to distinguish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

And the said James Miller in open court as aforesaid produces the following schedule that is to say:

1st I have a pair of Pistols and Holsters worth Five dollars I have no other property except necessary wearing apparel and bedding.

2^d There are debts due to me from different persons in the amount of one hundred and seventy dollars.

3^d I owe debts to the amount of two hundred dollars. And the said James Miller further states that his occupation is that of a farmer.—that by reason of age and infirmity he is unable to labour.

That he has a family residing with him as follows. His Mother in Law Peggy Brown aged between eighty and ninety years very infirm & his wife Elizabeth aged fifty six years very weakly—

His daughter Julia Mariah aged about twenty three able to work. His daughter Peggy Eliza aged about twenty one very weakly and has been for a number of years. His daughter Susannah aged about fifteen able to work. His daughter Caroline aged about thirteen able to work. His daughter Arietta aged nine years. His son George

aged about seventeen not able to support himself. His son Charles aged about eleven years able to work. James Miller.

Letter in folder dated August 20, 1837, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of James Miller and James Miller, Jr., father and son, from Bedford, Westchester County, New York, one of who received a pension.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and only one claim for pension found which was made to the United States based upon service of a James Miller who served from New York. The data which follow were found in the papers on file in that claim, W.19881, based upon service of James Miller in the Revolutionary War.

James Miller, while a resident of Warwick, Orange County, New York, was commissioned February 24, 1776, 2nd Lieutenant, Captain Daniel Denton's 2nd company, 3rd New York Regiment, was promoted 1st Lieutenant, Captain Charles Graham's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's 2nd New York Regiment and continued to serve until April 6, 1778, when he was discharged at Valley Forge. During his service, he was in the battles of White Plains, Trenton, and Saratoga.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 1, 1819, at which time he resided in Warwick, Orange County, New York. The officers gave his age then as seventy-two years, but did not state the date and place of his birth nor the names of his parents. Lieutenant James Miller died June 27, 1831.

Lieutenant James Miller married November 1, 1781, Elizabeth Brown; they were married by the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Goshen, Orange County, New York. Elizabeth's mother, "Peggy" Brown, lived with James and Elizabeth Miller in Goshen, Orange County, New York. Elizabeth's mother, "Peggy" Brown, lived with James and Elizabeth Miller in Warwick, in 1820, her age given then as between eighty and ninety years; the name of Elizabeth's father was not stated.

Elizabeth Miller, the officer's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed August 10, 1838, at which time she was aged seventy-two years; she was referred to then as formerly of Warwick, New York, and was living with her son, James Miller, in New York City. She died August 19, 1839.

In 1820, the following names of children of Lieutenant James Miller and his wife, Elizabeth, living at home are shown: daughters, Julia Mariah, about twenty-three years, Peggy Eliza, about twenty-one years, Susannah, about fifteen years, Carolina, about thirteen years, Arietta, aged about nine years, and sons, George and Charles, aged seventeen years and eleven years respectively.

In 1838, James Miller, the son with whom the widow lived, gave his age as fifty-two years and upward.