

Pension Application for Samuel Miller

S.23326

State of New York

Westchester County SS

On this third day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Westchester now sitting at the Court House in White Plains in the said County of Westchester, Samuel Miller a resident of the town of Harrison in the said County of Westchester Samuel Miller a resident of the Town of Harrison in the said County of Westchester aged seventy five years 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That is to say, that about the end of the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, on the commencement of the following year, but the day or month his is unable to state, he enlisted as a private at the town of Harrison in the said County of Westchester in a company of Volunteers called rangers commanded by Capt. Micajah Townsend for the Term of one years and served as a private in the said company during the whole of the year and served as a private in the said company during the whole of the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven the said company was disbanded, and this deponent discharged at King Street in the State of Connecticut by Zephaniah Miller of the afors'd in the said county the Lieutenant of the said company. That this declarants term of enlistment being then expired he was regularly discharged verbally; but did not receive any written discharge within did any of the said company receive a written discharge to the knowledge or belief of this declarant.

That the services performed by the said company to which this declarant belonged as aforesaid during the said year, and which this declarant now recollects were as follows.

That during the winter following their enlistment the said company guarded the committee of public safety in the said County of Westchester and executed the orders of the said committee particularly in taking up and disbanding the Tories and disaffected who were engaged in collecting together and concerting measures to destroy the said committee and opposing the cause of Revolution.

That when the British armed vessels Phoenix and Rose sailed up the Hudson river the said company went over to the said river and acted as guard along the shores of the said river in the said County at TarryTown Tellers Point and the intermediate places and during that time was under the command of Col. Hammond [front of the time?] and the residence of Col. Luddington.

That afterwards the said company went to the big lots near Mamaroneck in the same county and killed a Capt William Loundbury of the British service on whom was

found a British commission, and who was engaged in enlisting a ban of Tories, and succeeding in capturing all but two of his men.

That afterwards this declarant with the Lieutenant and a detachment of said company went to Horns Hook on York Island and worked at the Entrenchment there till the America Army retreated out of New York when the said lieutenant and his detachment came out with the American Army to White Plains in the said County of Westchester where this declarant with the said company lay near Genl Parsons briggade [brigade] on Horton's Hill when the Battle of White Plains took place. That there are none of the officers or privates of the said company now living except Uriah Trans of the Town of North Castle in the said County of Westchester and Capt. Micajah Townsend whom this declarant about four years since was informed was living in one of the British Provinces of the Canadas but whose testimony whether he be now living or dead this declarant would be unable to procure.

And this declarant further saith that in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred seventy seven or seventeen hundred seventy eight but in which of said years or what day or month he is unable to recollect, this declarant enlisted as a private for one year in a volunteer company called Minute Men (at the House of Ichabod Ogden in the town of North Castle in the said County of Westchester) under the command of Capt William Moger and faithfully served as a private in the said Capt mentioned company during the whole of the said last mentioned year and at the expiration of the said enlistment this declarant with the said last mentioned company was regularly discharged by their said captain at the Town of North Castle aforesaid but no written discharge was granted to any of them that some of the services performed by the said last mentioned company during his last enlistment were was follows viz a large body of British Horse attacked them in North Castle aforesaid where after sharp fighting this declarents Father who belonged to the said company was killed, and the said company compelled to retreat.

That this declarant with a detachment of the said Company attached the advance guard of a body of British Horse near Round Hill in the State of Connecticut and killed Capt. Eleason Theall and Wounded several others.

That during the rest of the revolutionary war this declarant served in the Militia of the said County of Westchester or as a volunteer at different times when ever his services were required and during this last mentioned service he was under the command part of the time of Capt John Thomas an other part of the time of Capt. St. John and the rest of the time of Lieutenant James Miller all of whom are now deceased.

That the aforesaid Capt William Moger under whom this declarant served as aforesaid is or was lately living in the County of Dutchess in this state, but was insane and unable to testify on the subject, and that no member of said Mogers company who served with this declarant as aforesaid is now living to the knowledge or belief of this declarant.

That this declarant has no documentary or written evidence to prove his aforesaid services as aforesaid, or in any wise relating thereto but that at the close of

the revolution certificates ever granted to this declarant for four years services as a private during the revolutionary war, which certificate this declarant shortly afterwards sold to Col. Thomas Thomas of the County of Westchester who is since deceased and this declarant cannot find or procure the same.

That this declarant was born at the Town of Harrison aforesaid on the fourteenth day of November AD 1757 where he resided when he entered the service of the United States as aforesaid and has resided ever since the revolutionary war (Excepting that he has resided about thirty years since the revolution in the Town of Somers in the said County of Westchester).

And that he now resides in the town of Harrison aforesaid. That the record of this declarants age was contained in his Fathers Family Bible which is now in the possession of his brother Nicholas Miller who resides in the Western part of this state. And that there is no other record thereof.

That this declarant always served as a volunteer but never as a substitute for any one neither was he ever drafted to his recollection. That he never received any written discharge from the service but verbal one as aforesaid.

That this declarant is known in the neighborhood where he now resides to Joseph Haviland of the town of Harrison and William Haviland of the Town of White Plains both in the said County of Westchester who can testify to this declarants character for veracity, their belief of his age and his services as a soldier of the resolution. But that there is no Clergyman living in this declarents neighborhood to give such certificate. And 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. (Signed) Samuel Miller

Sworn and subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid. N. Bayles, Clk