

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

State of New Jersey } SS.
County of Morris }

On this thirty first day of July, 1832 personally appeared, in open court, before the Judges of the Interior Court of Common Pleas now sitting Luke Miller, a resident of Chatham Township in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, aged seventy two years. Who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1842. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as have in stated:

That in the month of June 1776 he turned out and went into service as a volunteer when the British Troops landed at Staten Island and joined a company then commanded by Lieutenant Hand and marched to Elizabethtown Point and continued IN SERVICE UNTIL RELEASE that sometime in August same year he was drafted as a militia man and called into service, marched to Elizabethtown with the Morris Militia commanded by Col. Jacob Ford and continued in favor during his tour was engaged in making the brest works near Elizabethtown Point. Was called out again in October marched to Elizabethtown Point. Was there when the British troops landed in New Jersey. Retreated before them when they went on to Princeton and Trenton. We marched to Morristown and back. Moved to Elizabethtown and after some time was discharged. Then enlisted in the three month militia under Captain Sylranus Seeley. Marched to Springfield and New Farm and Elizabethtown and continued on the lines during his tour. Then in 1777 he was drafted and marched to New Windsor or the North River about the time General Burgoyne

was captured. For then bring in Capt. Brown's Company and in General Windis Brigade was at New Windsor when the British Fleet came down the North River. Retreated back again after guarding New Windsor. Some time in 1778 the Indians becoming troublesome near Minisink in the upper part of this state he marched then in Windis Brigade in Lt. Caldwell's command. That he returned from that tour and was dismissed. That he was drafted and called on duty and marched to Monmouth in New Jersey was in the battle fought between the British and American Armies at that place. That he served several tours of duty on the lines not previously mentioned. The practice for some time having been for the militia of Morris County to leave every other month and that he frequently turned out as a volunteer on the alarm gun being fired and was at several battles and skirmishes with the enemy, that this deponent served during the war. The term of two years or more as he believes, that he then lived in the township of Hanover Morris County State of New Jersey. And has always lived ⁱⁿ the said county. That this deponent was born on the 8 of September 1759 cannot find the record of his age, is now 72 years old. That he has documentary evidence of his service. 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, is only on that of the agency of the state of New Jersey.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year afore said.

William Brittin Luke Miller

Mr. Joseph M. Ogden a clergyman and William Britten both residing in the township of Chatham County of Morris hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Luke Miller who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy two years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year afore said

Stephen ^vIail?

Joseph M. Ogden

William Brittin

And the said court hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and listed as he states. And the court further certifies, that it appears to them, that Joseph M. Ogden a clergyman who has signed the preceding certificate is a resident in the township of Chatham in the county aforesaid, and that William Brittin who has also signed the same is a resident in the township of Chatham in the county of Morris afore and is a credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

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Jesse [unclear]
Daniel [unclear]

I David Day clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of Luke Miller for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have unto set my hand and seal of office, this thirty first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two

David Day