

## **Bounty Land for John Miller**

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State of New York

County of Albany SS.

I, Peter Miller of the town of Warren in the County of Herkimer, Sates of New York, one of the Heirs at Law of John Miller, deceased, do, upon oath testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge & belief, that my father, the said John Miller, did enlist on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1777, for the term of during the war in the Fifth New York Regiment under the command of Capt Hamtramck.

That he continued in the service aforesaid, until the month of October 1777 when he was taken prisoner by the British—and that he died shortly afterwards. That he died of wounds received at the taking of Fort Montgomery.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to the said John Miller with part of the United States-nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred this in any manner whatsoever—

I further declare, [?] as aforesaid, that my Brother James J. Miller, who is now living in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, and myself are the only children & Heirs at Law of the said John Miller deceased, and that I do not believe that my said Brother has ever received any warrant for the bounty Land aforesaid:--Therefore, Know all men by these presents, that I, Peter Miller aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint George Wm Crump Esqr of the City of Washington, to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand & receive form the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid—and my said Attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purpose above expressed. (Signed) Peter L. Miller. Attest, Lemuel Jenkins. Com'r of Deeds in & for the County of Albany

State of New York

Sullivan County SS.

Elnathan Sears, of the town of Mamakating, in said county, being sworn deposeth and saith that he was acquainted with John Miller, the father of Peter L. Miller and James Miller in the years 1775, 1776, and 1777,--that in the year 1777 this deponent and said John Miller were soldiers stationed at Fort Montgomery,--that said John Miller was in Colonel Lewis Dubois' Regiment and in the company commanded by Capt. Hamclamack; and that this deponent was in Col. McClaughrey's regiment and in the company commanded by Capt. William Faulkner—

That on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1777, John Miller and this deponent were both made prisoners by the enemy.—and that this deponent and the said John Miller, both being severely wounded, were taken to the City of New York together, and placed in the hospital, while a prisoner, of the wounded rendered at the battle of Fort Montgomery, and that this deponent saw his body after he had died, and was thrown into the cart to be buried.

That this deponent and the said John Miller were confined in the same room of the hospital while said Miller was suffering from the effects of his wounds, and where he died—that the said Miller was wounded by a bayonet in one of his thighs and through his body of which latter wound he died, and that his head was also bruised and muchly disfigured by the blow of inflicted with a musket. This deponent was acquainted with the said John Miller before the Revolutionary War and up to the period of his death, and was with him when he died. (Signed) Elnathan Sears

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1835. P.F. Hunn, J. Peace Sullivan Co.