

*Copies of War of 1812 papers for Johnson Merriam from Archives in Canada
(Original Copy with Kit Cutting)*

I do hereby swear that Johnson Merriam actually served as Private in the 2nd Flank Company of the regiment of Northumberland Militia then commanded by Lieut. Colonel John Peters between the 3rd of July and the 24th of December 1812.

Witness my hand, this third day of June 1820

Roger Wolcott, late Lieut.

2nd Flank Company 1st Reg. of North. Militia

I certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J.W. Peters Lt. Col.

Company.1st Regt. of North. Militia

I hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Johnson Merriam about fifteen years an inhabitant in the district of Newcastle, and that he did his duty as a Militiaman faithfully, during the late War with the United States.

Haldimand, July 7 1817

Rich. Hare, Capt. North. Militia

I certify that I have been acquainted with Johnson Merriam now of Haldimand in the District of Newcastle upwards of twenty three years and that I believe him to be a loyal subject of the Lord the King and that the said Johnson Merriam served in a detachment of militia under my command in actual service for the period of one month in the year 1813.

Port Hope Sept. 21, 1829

F. Ward, late Captain 1 Rent.

North. Militia

(Memorandum from the Archives office- Nov. 23 1959- Merriam received 100 acres of land in 1837 for his war serveices but no statemant to support this claim was found)

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To His most Excellency Sir John Colborne, Knight Commander of the most Honourable Military order of Bath, Lieutant Governor of the province of Upper Canada and Maj. General Commanding His Majesty's forces there,

In Council

The petition of Johnson Merriam of the township of Haldimand in the District of Newcastle, Yeoman Humbly therewith

That Your Excellency's Petitioner actually served during the late war as a private in the 2nd Flank Company of the first regiment of Northumberland Militia commanded by Lieut. Col. Peters -

as will appear to your Excellency by the accompanying certificates. That your Excellency's petitioner thereby became entitled to claim His Majesty's Gracious Bounty in land as such private.

That Your Excellency's Petitioner by reason of his retired place of residence was not aware of the

General order lately issued directing Militia when to put in their claims and has therefore omitted to do so within the time specified. Your Excellency's Petitioner therefore humbly prays that Your Excellency will be pleased to take his case into consideration and to allow him to partake of His Majesty's Gracious Bounty by grant of so much land as he may be entitled to as said private Militia man. And Your Excellency's Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Johnson Merriam

(on reverse side of this petition)

I do not find the petitioner has received lands for his service in the Militia during the late War.

March 1, 1830

W. Church

off. of Survey Gen'l

In Council

March 9, 1830

The council are precluded by the existing regulations from recommending the prayer this petition in consequence of the in the application.

Jn. R. Robinson