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Pension application of Javan Miller BLWt1871-200

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[p 6: On April 2, 1832 in Princess Anne County, it was proved to the satisfaction of the court that Abijah Parsons is the nephew and sole heir at law of Javen Miller, deceased, an officer of the revolutionary war.]

[p 11: Power of attorney (undated) given by Abijah Parsons only heir at law of Lieutenant Javan Miller who entered the service in 1776 for the term of the war and served in the 4th Regiment under the command of Colonel Edward Stevens

Abijah Parsons]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that Lieutenant Javan Millar [sic] of the Virginia Line entered the service in August 1776 and continued until the first of July 1779, when he received his commission, and has been in actual Service successively ever since without ever being broke or superseded.

S/ Saml. Finley Major
Richmond August 22nd, 1783

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I do hereby certify that Javan Miller entered the service of the United States in the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment under the command of Colonel Adam Stephens in the month of February 1776, in the same Company which I commanded and was afterwards promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant, that the said Miller left the Army as a supernumerary

Officer. Given under my hand this 28th May 1807

S/ Thos Mathews late [Thomas Mathews]
Capt. 4 V. R. on C. Edst.

Warrant drawn for 7 years service & no more
S/ Wm Price Repr.

Borough of Norfolk to wit

This day Thomas Mathews appeared before me, Mayor, within, and for the borough aforesaid
and made oath to the above. Given under my hand this 28 May 1807

S/ Tho. H. Parker, Mayor

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Petition for bounty Land (add^l) [Additional]

Heirs of Lieutenant Javan Miller – C. L. [Continental Line]

This officer received bounty land, for a service of seven years, August 11, 1783. His heirs now ask for additional bounty for a service of nine months more than seven years – service, from Feby 1776 to Novr 22nd 1783. The State of Virginia has by her Tribunals decided the war ended in April 1783. If, then, the heirs of Lieutenant Miller are entitled to more land, than they have (or he has) received, it must be only for a service of about two months over seven years.

The evidence referred to, and relied upon, by the Petitioners is a Copy of a voucher, and the endorsement on it, which is on file in the Executive Department.

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith Commissioner
May 21st 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazwell

Copy of a voucher
filed in the Executive Chamber – Bundle Collected
Vouchers 1807 – 1808 – K to N.

[quotes the certificate of Thomas Matthews transcribed above]

The heirs of Lieutenant Javan Miller respectfully ask that the Executive will direct a Warrant to issue for Nine Months additional bounty Land for the services for that period rendered by their Ancestor during the Revolutionary War, and which has never been received by them or him.

By reference to the original voucher filed in the executive Chamber, in the Bundle of Vouchers for the year 1807 and 1808 – Labeled from K to N -- it will be seen that Lieutenant Miller entered into the Service of the United States in the 4th Virginia Regiment under the Command of Colonel Stephens [Edward Stevens] in the month of February 1776 – and that he left the Army as a Supernumerary officer.

Upon the voucher referred to it will be found an endorsement by the former Clerk of the Council "S. Coleman" to this effect – "Javan Miller is on the list transmitted from Washington from the War Office, as a Lieutenant & appears to be entitled to additional Land Bounty for 9

months more than 7 years." Lieutenant Miller drew a Warrant for 7 years service and no more, as is also seen by the Voucher referred to, and it is respectfully urged that he is entitled to additional land Bounty from February 1783, to November 22nd of that year, when the war ended. A copy of the Voucher is herewith submitted, but the Executive is [image of document cut off and part of the bottom line missing] the original files in this Chamber.