

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Milton BLWt323-300

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Honorable John Milledge,¹ Member of the Senate of the United States, Washington
Padan-aram 29 December 1806

Dear Sir,

It has not till within 5 or 6 months past, came to my knowledge, that the United States, have appropriated some Townships or allotments of land, in the Western Territory, for the service or use of the Officers and Soldiers of the revolutionary Army. Captain Marbury, informed me, about the time above specified, that Captain Meriwether through the application of General Meriwether, when a member of Congress, had received his Grant.

It is well known to you, that I was in the service of the United States, from the commencement of the War in the Southern States, until the close thereof -- I entered the first Georgia Battalion as Ensign, early in February '76, and rose by different grades to Captain, in '77, and therefore agreeably to resolution of Congress, I am entitled to Brevet rank as Major. By reference to the office of the Secretary of War, as also to the Books of John Pierce, Esq., the Agent for finally settling military claims further satisfaction, if necessary, may be obtained.

I have now to solicit your friendly aid in applying at the proper office, for such grant as I may be allowed; and upon obtaining enclosed it to me; If there is any choice, as to quality, situation, or distance, it is left to your direction; and any disbursements that you may make in the completion of the business, shall be thankfully reimbursed. I feel assured of your excuse [?] For the trouble I am about to give you, and am,

very respectfully

Dear Sir

Your Ob [Obedient] Servt [Servant]

S/ John Milton

¹ MILLEDGE, John, a Representative and a Senator from Georgia; born in Savannah, Ga., in 1757; was tutored privately; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Savannah, Ga.; served in the Revolutionary War and was one of the patriots who rifled the powder magazine in Savannah; narrowly missed being hanged as a spy; attorney general of Georgia 1780; member of the State general assembly for several sessions; elected to the Second Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the House declaring the seat of Anthony Wayne vacant, and served from November 22, 1792, to March 3, 1793; subsequently elected to the Fourth and Fifth Congresses (March 4, 1795-March 3, 1799); again elected as a Democratic Republican to the Seventh Congress and served from March 4, 1801, until his resignation in May 1802; chairman, Committee on Elections (Seventh Congress); Governor of Georgia 1802-1806; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Jackson; reelected in 1806 and served from June 19, 1806, until November 14, 1809, when he resigned; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Tenth Congress; one of the founders of the University of Georgia at Athens; died on his plantation near Augusta, Ga., February 9, 1818; interment in Summerville Cemetery.
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Yours Obedient
John Milledge

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