

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Miles R21890

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State of Tennessee Robertson County} SS

On this 5th day of September 1826 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Robertson & State aforesaid by reason of disability & bodily infirmity Charles Miles resident in said County age 76 years he being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said Charles Miles, was Lieutenant and entered the regular Army in the Independent corps of South Carolina, in the Company commanded by Captain John Moon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Andrew Williamson early in the summer of 1776 in South Carolina and resigned in July 1777 at Stono and after the battle, in South Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatsoever, except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any State except South Carolina, and that the following are the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension. That I have always considered the Government in debt to me 30 or 40 Thousand Dollars which I have always thought I should be able to get some day until of late I have despaired, and for services rendered during the revolution and during the whole war for which services I have never received one dollar, and for money advanced while in the regular Service to enlisted Soldiers and which never was returned and every other expense an officer could be to which government was bound for I furnish myself and have never been remunerated for the same, I have made one or two attempts to get my pay and have failed which if I had succeeded in I should have been able to support myself, from age and Bodily infirmity, I have been entirely unable for several years to use the vigilance that was necessary to ascertain what steps I should take to get a pension, and that I have never known until a very short time that I could obtain one, and the steps necessary to obtain it.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or Securities, Contracts or debts due to me and by me Subscribed

No Property except what the act allows me that is One Bed and furniture and necessary wearing apparel –

Test:

S/ Charles Miles

S/ Benjamin Tucker

S/ John Miles

I have by Occupation been a foreman but entirely unable to pursue the same both for the want of income and bodily strength, no family except myself, and agreeable to the 3rd Section of the act of the 1st of May 1821 I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself except by private or public Charity.

Sworn to and subscribed on the 5th day of September 1826 before me

S/ Joseph McNails, JP

S/ Charles Miles

I solemnly swear that I am not able to attend personally in open court by reason of disease and bodily infirmity.

S/ Charles Miles

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Miles".

I Joseph McNails Esquire Justice of the peace in and for Robertson County and State of Tennessee and a member of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County and State aforesaid, holden in the County of Robertson where the declarant resides, do hereby certify that the above named Charles Miles is from a disease called the Dropsy in the testicle & wound in the head by a sword in the revolution with which I am incredibly informed and believe he has been afflicted for the space of 45 years with the wound in his head & ten years with the dropsy in the Testicle, unable to attend the Court of which I am a Member and I do not think from present circumstances that he will be able to attend the court above named at its next Session, I have therefore in pursuance of the act of Congress of the first of March 1823 attended at his place of abode and administered the foregoing oath.

S/ Joseph McNails, JP