

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Hardy Miles R7166

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State of Mississippi

Circuit Court

Rankin County

September Term 1834

SS: Be it remembered that on this twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Circuit Court of Rankin County now sitting, Hardy Miles a resident of Rankin County & state of Mississippi aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the seventh Eighteen hundred and thirty two. — That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service under Colonel Goodwin [Robert Goodwin or Goodwyn] in January Seventeen hundred & seventy eight and was out as militiaman fifty two days, substitute for John Mills his father. The residence of this deponent before and during the war was in Fairfield District, South Carolina Towards the last of February, 1778, he was out on scouting parties for a week or two under Captain Woodward.

Early in March following, he went out as militia-man under Capt. William Kirkland in Camden District, now called Fairfield to Savannah river opposite the town of Augusta Georgia. He was stationed there for about nine weeks. Towards the last of April or first of May, 1778 [sic], he enlisted in an independent Company for sixteen months, under Capt. John Moore, Lieutenant Montgomery, & Ensign Charles Miles. Altho' he enlisted for sixteen months, he only served in this campaign thirteen months. Shortly afterwards this company under Capt. Moore was attached to another Company under Capt. Bowie who acted as Major over both Companies. From the point opposite Augusta where they had been stationed for some time previous and which had been a place of rendezvous for the forces to which he was attached, he marched with these forces to Stono. He was not in the battle fought there [Battle of Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779] but was unfortunately sick at the time - was conveyed to Charleston - laid six weeks in the Hospital there - he recovered his health and returned to Stono and joined his company about two weeks after the battle. Immediately afterwards he marched to Savannah River to a point near Purysburg - from thence to Fort Independence on the Indian line - from thence to the City of Savannah in Georgia - he was at the siege & surrender of that place in November 1778 [sic: see note below]. At this period General Lincoln was commandant of the American and Count D'Estaing of the French forces.

Immediately after the surrender of Savannah, he marched up to Augusta, Georgia from thence to the Fort at White Hall where the company was dispersed. — This whole term of service in the Independent Company in which he enlisted was about thirteen months - the Company was disbanded shortly after the Fall of Charleston which happened in May, [12<sup>th</sup>] 1780. — About two months from this event he went into Chester District and joined General Thomas Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter], & Colonel Thomas Taylor - Capt. William Kirkland had also joined Gen'l. Sumpter. He (this deponent,) was with Gen'l. Sumpter about three months - was with him at Catawba when he was defeated [Skirmish at Fishing Creek SC, 18 Aug 1780].

Two or three weeks after this defeat, He the deponent went over into North Carolina and there joined Capt. Ramsey and Gen'l. William Davidson. Was with them about three months. He was out in various Scouting parties for about two months He left the army of Gen'l. Davidson in Charlotte County North Carolina early in the year 1781. He then returned to South Carolina and joined as a volunteer under the command of Capt. John Woodward and Col. [John] Hunter. He was dismissed while under the command of these officers without any letter of dismissal as was the case when he was discharged by Gen'l. Davidson, nor was he in either case under any charge or censure whatever. His discharge took place as well as he can remember in the month of August 1781 in Fairfield District on Cedar Creek about eight miles from Wynnesboro [sic: Winnsboro].

This deponent further says that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his

services except it be John [illegible] who lives in Fairfield S.C. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State of this Conferacy. Hardy hisHmark Miles

NOTE: Americans and French under Gen. Benjamin Lincoln and Count Charles D'Estaing besieged Savannah from 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779. The British did not surrender.

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Hardy Miles

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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina

The humble petition of Hardy Miles Sheweth unto your Honorable body; that your petitioner enlisted as a regular soldier in the service of the State of South Carolina, in a company of State Troops called the independent company under the command of Captain John Moore; for the term of sixteen months, in March of the year 1779: thirteen months of which time your petitioner performed his duty; – but from some derangement which took place; your petitioner became attached to the division of the State Troops, with which he continued in service a considerable time longer than that period for which he enlisted – Your petitioner has never received any compensation either by indent, bounty or otherwise, but the sum of Eleven dollars in paper currency – Considering himself entitled to compensation for the said Sixteen months service he prays your Honorable house to consider the same and grant such relief as to your wisdom may seem meet, and your petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c

Fairfield

District

Nov<sup>r</sup>

1813

S/ Hardy Miles, X his mark

[p 5: identical petition addressed to the President and members of the said South Carolina Senate]

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South Carolina Fairfield District}SS

Before me personally appeared John Crossland<sup>2</sup> who being sworn saith, that he was present when Hardy Miles enlisted in the service of this State under Captain John Moore in March 1779 – and that he knows the said Miles to have done duty until the Siege of Savannah [September 16-October 9, 1779] where this deponent was taken prisoner: the term of enlistment in said company was for Sixteen months. He is acquainted with said Miles, and has reason to believe he never received compensation for said services.

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<sup>2</sup> [John Crossland S18784](#)

Sworn to before me this 16 day of November 1813  
S/ J. Alston, QU S/ John Crossland, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Richland District}SS

Personally appeared before me, Hardy Miles and being sworn saith, that he enlisted in the Service of this State in the year 1779, and performed the duties of a soldier for the term of 16 months, and has not been paid therefore.

Sworn to this 25<sup>th</sup> November 1813

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<sup>2</sup> In Samuel Johnson’s Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word “meet” he gives is “Fit; proper....”. Johnson noted that even at that time the word “meet” was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800’s, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

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