

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Miller R7176

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### State of Virginia County of Randolph

On this first day of November 1833 personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Randolph Andrew Miller a resident of the Cove Settlement in the said County of Randolph and State of Virginia aged 73 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In June in the year 1777, in the 17<sup>th</sup> year of his age in the County which is now Hardy County in the State of Virginia, he volunteered in a company of Virginia Militia commanded by Captain Jeremiah Reagan from what is now him County Virginia, and marched under him through Greenbrier County to Camp Union in the Big Levels of Greenbrier the place where Lewisburg now stands, there joined the Augusta and Botetourt troops under Colonels Dickinson from Augusta and Skillern from Botetourt Soon after which continued the march to the Great Kanawha River, descending it to its mouth, to the Garrison commanded by Captain Arbuckle, here expected to join General Hand who it was expected would descend the Ohio from Fort Pitt with an Army to cooperate with Colonel Skillern in an expedition against the Indians on the North side of the Ohio River remained here waiting his arrival for several weeks either in the month of October or November or perhaps both, during which time witnessed the death of the celebrated Sachem Corn Stalk [Cornstalk] together with some other Indian Chiefs, which were detained in the Guardhouse as hostages, and inhumanely murdered by some incensed whites. Soon after this occurrence General Hand arrived but had no Army and after some time spent in consultation it was resolved upon to abandon the expedition in consequence of the scarcity of provisions among other reasons, according to retrograde movement was ordered and they retreated their steps to Camp Union leaving the Garrison at Point Pleasant under command of the said Captain Arbuckle, at Camp Union they halted for a few days in consequence of the extreme coldness of the weather, then separating from the Botetourt troops continued their counter march to Hampshire County, where he arrived in January 1778 and was discharged by his Captain having served as a private 7 months in the Virginia militia.

Then in Hampshire County Virginia (now Hardy) about the first of April in the year 1778 he again volunteered as a private under Captain Joseph Berry and marched in a Regiment of Militia raised in Hampshire County commanded by Colonel Vanmeter to Fort Pitt (now Pittsburgh PA) there joined the Army commanded by General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] – Soon after which they marched some by land and others by water down the Ohio River to the mouth of the Big Beaver, which discharges itself into the Ohio from the North West, there halted

and built Fort McIntosh, remained here until cold weather set in then counter marched to Fort Pitt and was there discharged sometime in the month of December 1778 having performed the additional service of 8 months as a private in the Virginia militia during which time he seen none of the enemy consequently was in no battle.

In the said County of Hampshire and State of Virginia in the month of July in the year 1779 he was drafted as a private in a company of Virginia Militia commanded by Captain Daniel Richardson for a term of three months and marched to Alexandria and Fairfax County Virginia where he was stationed under command of Colonel Ramsay until his term of service expired and was then discharged in the month of October 1779. In this tour he is not certain that he seen any of the enemy, seen some vessels sailing on the Bay said to be British vessels, but had no battle or skirmish.

In the said County of Hampshire and State of Virginia in December 1780 he was again drafted as a private for another term of three months under Captain John McCoy and marched to Richmond Virginia there joined a Regiment of Virginia militia under command of Colonel Sampson Mathews from Augusta County Virginia and marched from Richmond to Portsmouth, where General Arnold [Benedict Arnold] had been committing many depredations, destroying private and public property without distinction, from Portsmouth, marched to Camp Carson about 20 miles distant from Portsmouth, remained stationed here until the three months for which he was drafted had expired and was then discharged which was in March 1781. Then in June 1781 in the said County of Hampshire and State of Virginia, he substituted for Francis Cooper a private under a 6 months draft and was placed under command of Captain Joseph Berry and marched to Richmond Virginia there joined a Regiment commanded by Captain Harrison from Rockingham County Virginia in General Campbell's Brigade March from thence to Williamsburg from thence to Chickahominy, thence to a small stream near James town called Hot Water [June 26 1781], was here in a battle which resulted in a considerable loss to the Americans. Colonel Waggoner's Regiment in particular surf would very severely, from the scene of action retreated to Muddy River Camp, their retreat being covered by General Wayne – from thence marched to Richmond, from Richmond crossing the James River marched to the Appomattox River, to Goode's Bridge General Wayne was at the same time stationed on the South side of the River at the same place, from Goode's Bridge marched to Petersburg, from Petersburg to Eastham road crossing the James River, thence to New Kent Courthouse, where they joined General Lafayette, then marched to Williamsburg, then pursued the enemy to Yorktown, remained with the besieging Army under General Washington until the surrender of Cornwallis which he thinks took place in October 1781. He was then sent with the British prisoners to Winchester Barracks and was here stationed guarding the said prisoners, and Colonel Nyswonger [Niscwanger], until his term of 6 months expired and was then discharged in December 1781. He was born in Rosenfelt Germany on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 1760, emigrated to America with his father when an infant first settled in Philadelphia County Pennsylvania, then moved to Hampshire Virginia where he was living when he entered the service & in 1787 moved to the place where he now lives. He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Andrew Miller

*Andrew Miller*

The said Justice of the peace then proceeded to propound the 7 several interrogatories describe by the War Department, to which the said declarant made the following answers. Viz. – to the 1<sup>st</sup> I was born in Rosenfelt Germany on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1760.

2<sup>nd</sup>. My age is recorded in my family Bible taken from my father's family register, the Bible is in my possession.

3<sup>rd</sup>. When called into service I was living in Hampshire County and State of Virginia continued to live there until 1787 when I was moved to the place where I now live, in Randolph County Virginia.

4<sup>th</sup>. The first and 2<sup>nd</sup> terms of service I volunteered. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> I was drafted and in the 5<sup>th</sup> & last I substituted for Francis Cooper.

5. At Point Pleasant I was acquainted with Colonels Skillern & Dickinson, General Hand, Captain Arbuckle, Stewart, Hopkins & at Fort Pitt was acquainted with General McIntosh, Colonel Vanmeter, Colonel Evans, who commanded a Regiment of Virginia militia from Monongahela County, Colonel Gibson & Knew Colonel Mathews from Augusta at Portsmouth. Colonel Harrison at Richmond General Campbell, Wayne, Weedon, Lafayette, Washington and Clinton at Yorktown. Colonel Nyswonger at Winchester Barracks.

6<sup>th</sup>. I received a discharge at the end of each engagement of service, I do not now remember by whom they were signed, they have all long since been lost.

I am known to Zerah Osborn and John Graham who reside in my neighborhood and can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a revolutionary soldier.

S/ Andrew Miller

[Zerah Osborn and John Graham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Andrew Miller Applicant – Died in summer of 1834, his neighbors say that he was not entitled to a pension – this is one of Wamsleys cases

S/ W. G. Singleton,

Nov. 26, 1834

Note: See C. Leon Harris' excellent analysis of cases handled by W. G. Singleton contained in the transcript of the pension application of [David W. Sleeth S6111](#)