

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Miller R7196

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State of Virginia and County of Rockingham: to wit

On this 21st day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before Jesse Cravens, Daniel Hinton, George Clark and Augustus Waterman, Justices of the County Court of Rockingham County now sitting, Henry Miller a resident of the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia, aged sixty-eight 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That he is a native of Rockingham County in Virginia, and was born on the 14th day of July 1764 – agreeably to a record in the Presbyterian Church book, in his neighborhood now.

In January 1781 he was drafted as a private in the militia service and marched to Richmond, and thence down James River to Suffolk and Portsmouth – and was stationed principally at Portsmouth and a Fort about 12 miles below Portsmouth. Was under Captain Cogger [Michael Cogger], Lieutenant O'Roark and Ensign Nall. Part of the time was under Colonel Nalle [William Nalle or Nall] and Major Hamilton [probably Gawen Hamilton] – was discharged at the end of three months and got no written discharge – and was in no general engagement during this term.

In August 1781, his father had 2 horses impressed and his uncle to, and a wagon, and withed [sic] him to go as a driver his uncle Michael Cogger was a Captain and promised if he would go, it should be received in a little of a tour of duty, and he proceeded to Yorktown with the team, and continued during the Siege, and was generally employed in transporting cannon, bombshell and other munitions of war. After the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] he continued 6 or 8 days transporting articles taken from the enemy. The Wagon was then taken from him and delivered over to the Continental Army and he was discharged. This term of service continued about 3 months. He knew General Knox and was at one time engaged in hauling his baggage. He got no written discharge and has no documentary evidence to establish his services, – He has resided in this County ever since the revolutionary war, and for his standing and character in his neighborhood and the general belief in his revolutionary services, he refers to Colonel John Rush, Colonel Joseph Mauzy, Mr. Jacob Miller and Mr. Peter Sellers = the latter of whom was in the service with him.

He hereby relinquishes every claim. He never received any compensation whatever for 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/ Henry Miller

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through or smudging.

[William Bryan, a clergyman, and Joseph Mauzy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]