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Pension Application of Jacob Miller R7200

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State of Virginia } S:S:
Bedford County }

The declaration of Jacob Miller made on the 19 day of January 1837 in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed on the 7 day of June 1832. That he the said Jacob Miller was called on to perform a Tour of duty from the County of Loudoun and State of Virginia (in the United States Service) about the first of April 1781. That he rendezvoused at a place Called Lacey's Tavern in Loudoun County. That he marched from thence about the first of April 1781 in the Company under the Command of Capt James Cleaveland [sic: James Cleveland], and Lieutenant Joel White, through Prince William County to Fredericksburg in Stafford County, that from thence they were marched through Caroline County to Hanover County That from thence they were marched to the City of Richmond in Henrico County; That from thence they were marched to the Morbin Hills near James River [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond]. That when the Troops arrived at the Morbin Hills that Colo. John Alexander was the Commander in Chief at that place, and Jacob Read [Jacob Reed] was our Major

That after being at the Morbin Hills for sometime the army stationed their they were again marched back to the City of Richmond. That whilst in the City of Richmond I joined a company of Light Infantry commanded by Capt. John Henry. That Colo. John Alexander left us at the City of Richmond, and the Troops were put under command of Colo Charles Dabney and Major Campbell, that from Richmond we were marched to Charlottesville in Albemarle County in Virginia in pursuit of a part of the British army who had gone to Charlottesville [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, 4 Jun 1781] at which place the Virginia Legislature was then in session That from Charlottesville we were marched to the point a forks on James River, in Fluvanna County [sic: Point of Forks at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers], where General Anthony Wayne Took Command of the Troops and marched us back again to the City of Richmond, that from thence we were again marched to the Morbin Hills, and from thence we were marched down James River to old James Town where General Lafayette met us, and the day after we arrived at James Town The American army attacked the British and fought them till they got on board their vessels and sailed off [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 July, where Wayne and Anthony were defeated by Cornwallis]. that I was in said Battle, that after the Battle we were marched from thence about five miles to a church at which place we left our wounded men The company I was in were marched from thence with others toward the County of Gloucester until we were met by the Regiment Commanded by Colo. George West from Loudoun County Va. at which place several of our company got a permit to go home but were not discharged (of which number I was one) as we had orders to be ready at a moments warning to join the army again. Those of us who had got permission to go home were ordered to stack our arms, which were given up to Colo. George Wests men who were without arms, that I arrived at home about the first of Sept 1781. that from the time I left home till my return back was about five months, that after my arrival at home I did not undertake any business untill I heard of the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia [19 Oct 1781] in consequence of expecting daily to be ordered again to join the army, that I consider myself entitled to six months pay for the time I served in the army and the time I was on a permit to go home, which would amount to upwards of six months. But I am willing to put my services at six months [the minimum required for a pension]

Question 1st Where, and in what date were you Born?

Answer I was born in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania on the [blank] day of
October 1762 as I am informed

Question 2nd What is your age at this time?

Answer I was seventy three years old on the [blank] day of October 1836 last past and am about seventy three years [blank] months old at this time from the best Information I can get

Question 3rd In what way was you called into service were you drafted or was you a Volunteer?

Answer When there was a call for men from Loudoun County Virginia I was drafted with others

Question 4th State some of the field officers under whom you served while in service during your Tour of Duty?

Answer The first field officers under whom I served were Colo John Alexander and Major Jacob Read at the Morbin Hills and until we were marched back to Richmond I then served under Col. Charles Dabney until General Wayne Took the Command at Point a forks, and until we arrived at old James Town, at which place General Wayne and General Lafayette Both had the Command but which of them was the senior officer in command I do not now recollect

Question 5th Where have you resided since you left the state of Pennsylvania?

Answer I am informed that I was brought from Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania to the County of Frederick in the State of Maryland when I was about four years of age, at which place I resided about ten years, I then removed to the County of Loudoun in Virginia where I resided about twenty years, I then removed to the County of Bedford about the year 1796 or 1797 where I have lived ever since

Question 6th Who are your neighbours in your neighbourhood that you can call on to state your respectability and standing in society?

Answer I refer to Capt Lewis C Arthur, Capt James M Haden, Capt William Preston, Capt Lewis Wingfield, and Nicholas Robertson Esquires

Question 7th Whether or not were you discharged if so state what has become of your discharge?

Answer I never was discharged I served about five months and obtained permission to go home but was to return again when called for, I held myself in readiness to return to the army when notified by my officers, but the surrender of Lord Cornwallis Took place and I was never again called on, which is the reason I did not get my discharge from my Captain
Signed this 19th January 1837
Jacob hisXmark Miller

[Jacob Warner (pension application R11143) and Henry Williamson (R11632) certified that Miller served as claimed.]