

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Michael Miller: R7217

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Montgomery SS. Be it remembered that at a Court of Common Pleas holden at Dayton in the County of Montgomery and State of Ohio on Monday the twenty second day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, before the Honorable Joseph H. Crane Esquire President and his associates for the County aforesaid, came Michael Miller and produced his Application for a pension, in the words following, to wit,

“On the twenty seventh day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, personally appeared in open Court, being the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Montgomery and State of Ohio, and a Court of Record in said State, Michael Miller aged seventy one years, who being duly affirmed according to Law, doth on his solemn affirmation, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the eighteenth of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty [sic: acts of 18 Mar 1818 and 1 May 1820] —

“That he the said Michael Miller embarked for America at Brest in France, on the second day of May A.D. one thousand seven hundred and eighty, as a private in the force of Five thousand foot and five hundred Horse, being four Regiments of French and one Regiment of Dutch [i.e. German] Troops, Commanded by General Rochambeau and landed at New Port [Newport], Rhode Island, in July [sic: 10 June] of the same year. This declarant belonged to the Company of Captain Fierstenwerter, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Christian Tuepung and continued in the American service until the close of Revolutionary War.

This declarant was engaged seventeen days in the siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and the taking of Cornwallis in October A.D. one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. This declarant was on board of the Bordeaux a Ship laden with Military Stores belonging to the French Fleet under M. de Ternay, which sailed from Rhode Island in March A.D. one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, and was intercepted by and stood an engagement with the British Fleet in their passage to the Chesapeake [probably First Battle of the Capes, 16 Mar 1781]

This declarant received a discharge from Colonel Tuepung which he believes was signed by General Rochambeau. This declarant had his house burned in Bedford County Pennsylvania in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight and his discharge and all his papers of every description were consumed, on this account he cannot state the precise date of his discharge. This declarant has no evidence now in his power to prove his service, and in pursuance of the Act of the first of May A.D. One thousand eight hundred and twenty, I do solemnly affirm, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and eighteen. That I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the 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 the eighteenth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in a Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

One quarter section of Land in Dark County Ohio, 2^d rate, valued by the }
assessor for Taxation at \$1.25 per acre, about 15 acres partly cleared, with a log }
house, about 22 feet by 20 feet, I believe two dollars an acres is a fair valuation }. \$320.—
One Old mare and Colt which I believe to be worth..... 38.—
One Cow. 6.
One Farming Harrow..... 4.
One Wind Mill..... 8.
One old Saddle & Bridle, Saddle 24 years in ware..... 4.
3 Kettles..... 5.
1 Copper Kettle 6 Gallons..... 5.
1 Coffee Pot \$1.00 6 Knives & forks \$1..... 2.

2 Pewter dishes & six pewter plates.	1.50
1 Crockery Bowl & plate .25, 1 Iron Pot .50, 1 Small do .25.....	1.00
1 Small Bureau cost 20 years ago.....	2.00
2 Old trunks 1.50, 1 Table \$1- 2 Chairs .50.....	3.—
1 Old grubbing hoe.....	.50
6 Tea Cups & Saucers.	1.00
1 ¾ Auger .33½ 1 large Auger .50 1 Looking Glass \$1.....	1.83½
1 Tin Bucket .37½ - 1 Wood Bucket .50.87½
1 Bed, Bedstead & bedding.	<u>20.—</u>
	\$423.71

My occupation is that of a Farmer, I am not able to do one fourth of a days work in a day, being quite decrepid, and my hearing is greatly impaired; myself, my wife Dorothy and my son Henry who is almost an idiot and who requires more care than his labour is worth, and a daughter who is permanently a cripple compose my family. My wife about two months since broke her leg and it is believed she will ever recover from her lameness, she is old and feeble and sixty nine years of age.

(signed) Michael Miller

NOTE: The file includes a note referring to Captain Furstenwärther and Col. Christian Deux-Ponts (Guillaume de Deux-Ponts, also known as Wilhelm von Forbach?), who may have been the "Captain Fierstenwerter" and "Colonel Christian Tuepfung" mentioned in the deposition.