

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Millican R7236 Mary Millican f38GA/NC
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Revolutionary Widow's Declaration, Act 1848

State of Georgia, Floyd County:

On this, the Twenty third day of May 1856, personally appeared before me FJ Sullivan a Judge of the Inferior Court, a Court of Record, for and in the County and State aforesaid, Mary Millican, a resident of the County of Floyd, said State, aged Eighty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed 29th of July 1848. That she, Mary Millican, is the Widow of Thomas Millican who was a Private in the War of the Revolution, from 1778 to 1783, and served under Captain Maddox [John Mattocks] & Colonel Hamright [Frederick Hambricht] in the State of South Carolina and he served in South Carolina but volunteered in the State of North Carolina he also served under Captain Collins and was under the command of Elijah Clarke [of Georgia] as Colonel and at one time under Major Carr and that he her said husband Thomas Millican served as a Private and as a Cavalier and further she the aforesaid Mary Millican claims the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 29th day of July 1848 and I appoint Thomas J. Harris of the City of Atlanta County of Fulton and State of Georgia as my attorney with Power of substitution to Prosecute this my claim for pension and authorized him to receive my Pension Certificate when it may issue and to do anything proper in the Prosecution of this claim and make all Examinations necessary.

And further declares she was married to the said Thomas Millican in Spartanburg District South Carolina on the 8th day of April in the year 1793; that her husband, the aforesaid Thomas Millican died on the Twelfth day of August in the year 1833 and, that she remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof hereunto annexed. And she further declares, that her said husband's name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State, that she is aware of, and, she hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any Annuity or Pension in his name, except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ Mary Millican, X her mark

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The Governor on the } Scire Facias
Information of } In Cherokee Superior Court
Marion S. Lankford }

vs.

James Millican } Interrogatories to be ex-
 Executor of } hibited to Bennett
 Thomas Millican, deceased } Tankersley,¹ a material
 witness for the defendants, and who resides out of the County of Cherokee –

Int. 1st Do you know the parties in the above case?

Int. 2nd Were you, or were you not acquainted with Thomas Millican, late of DeKalb County deceased? If yea [yes], state when and where you first knew him -- how long you knew him -- whether the said Thomas Millican was or was not a Soldier in the revolutionary war? If yes, on which side did he bear arms? Was he or was he not of your own knowledge a true friend to liberty and to the American cause, and what was his general reputed character?

Int. 3rd Did it, or did it not, come within your own knowledge that the said Thomas Millican now deceased, did bear arms on the side of America, and in favor of liberty and the American Cause? From your intimate acquaintance with the said Thomas Millican, deceased, do you or do you not think that if he had ever taken protection under the British & Tories, he would have known it?

Int. 4th If you were acquainted with the said Thomas Millican, deceased, please state, if he was or was not a Soldier in the revolutionary war? If yes, please state when and where he served -- under what Captain -- Major -- Colonel's & Generals and in what Company and Regiment, and all you know, that will benefit the defendant, as fully as if Particularly interrogated thereto 19th of January 1835.

S/ George D. Anderson, Def's Atty.

...[various legalize and maneuvering]

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The Governor on the } Scire Facias
 Information of } In Cherokee Superior Court
 Marion S. Lankford }

vs.

James Millican }
 Executor of }
 Thomas Millican, deceased
 DeKalb County, Georgia

By virtue of a commission to us directed we have caused Bennett Tankersley the person named in the said Commission, who resides in the County aforesaid and State of Georgia to come before us, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to certain Interrogatories to the said Commission annexed, deposed and answered as follows --

To the first Interrogatory I answer that I know the defendants, --

To the Second Interrogatory I answer I was -- I first knew him in Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina, during the revolutionary war, immediately preceding the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war in behalf of America, and our acquaintance became more familiar while in Service together on the part of America -- we bore arms together in defense of the American cause, And I believe he was a true friend to the same -- In relation to his general character, it was that of a true Whig.

To the third interrogatory I answer Yes, It did come under my own knowledge for we served together in the war -- we lived within 4 miles of each other during the revolutionary war -- and if he had ever taken protection under the British or Tories I should have known it. --

¹ There is no federal Revolutionary War pensioner by this name. This affidavit may be the only record evidence of his service.

To the 4th Interrogatory I answer he was a soldier in the revolutionary war -- He joined the American Army in Lincoln County North Carolina a short time before the battle of the Eutaw Springs under the command of Captain Maddox, who belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hamright by whom we were marched to Hanging Rock in the State of South Carolina, I think, where we were then placed under the command of Major General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] -- where we remained until we were regularly discharged,

To the 5th Interrogatory I answer that I was acquainted with the family of Thomas Millican and that they all bore the name of true Whigs -- The above answers taken Sworn to and Subscribed before us this the 11th of February 1835

S/ Jesse F. Cleveland, Commissioner

S/ Bennett Tankersley, X his mark

S/ Isaac N. Johnson, Commissioner

S/ JM Calhoun, Commissioner

[p 24—similar interrogatories posed to George Hillen as were posed to Tankersley above]

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The Governor on the	}	Scire Facias
Information of	}	In Cherokee Superior Court
Marion S. Lankford	}	

vs.

James Millican	}
Executor of	}
Thomas Millican, deceased	
Kentucky Warren County	

By virtue of a Commission from the Superior Court of Cherokee County and State of Georgia to us directly, we have caused George Hillen² the person named in said commission to come before us, and being duly sworn true answers to make, to certain Interrogatories to said commission annexed, deposes and answers as follows viz.

To the first Interrogatory he answers that he does not. [know the parties to the law suit]

To the 2nd he answers that he was acquainted with Thomas Millican in South Carolina, and afterwards in Georgia, and from circumstances believes, Thomas Millican late of DeKalb County to be the same -- all the acquaintance he had with him was during some part of the Revolutionary war.

To interrogatory 3rd He answers that he does not know what was his [Millican's] age at the close of the Revolutionary war -- That he [Millican] acted the part of a Whig and true friend to his country, and that he was a soldier in that war -- That he served as a soldier at least one year, but cannot recollect the exact length of time, and that time on this side of the Whigs.

To Interrogatory 4th he answers, That [he] never knew nor heard of his giving aid or protection to, or of his taking protection under the British or Tories during said war. His acquaintance with him was confined [to the time] he was in the service -- When they were in the same Regiment that he might say they lived together -- whilst he was acquainted with him during said war though he believes, when said Milliken was at home, he lived in North Carolina, as did himself also, but cannot tell how far apart.

To Interrogatory 5th he answers that he was not at all acquainted in the neighborhood or

² [George Hillen S7006](#)

neighborhoods in which said Thomas lived during nor after said war and therefore cannot say what he was reputed to be in those neighborhoods.

To Interrogatory 6th he answers that he was with Thomas Millican in several engagements, at the taking of Major Dunlap, at Hogskin Mills³ upon Long Cane River Lawrence [sic, Laurens] County South Carolina, also at the Peach Hill within 5 miles of Ninety Six against Will Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham], same County, also at Blackstock's Ford, Tyger River, in Spartanburg County in the battle between Rawdon and Sumpter, and they were together at the siege of Augusta during the whole of it and that he knows that the character he bore of having discharged his duty in all the for mentioned Battles and siege as a true and faithful Whig and friend to his country.

To the first Cross Interrogatory he answers that he does know of his own knowledge that said Thomas Millican was a soldier during said war -- that he served in the latter part of said war, year or month not recollected, further than it was the year before the war broke, he cannot state in what capacity, whether he was drafted or volunteered, but believes he was a volunteer, as he was mounted and he always understood he was a volunteer his Captain was John Collins: the Colonel was Elijah Clarke, the Major was Patrick Carr, under different Generals at different times.

To Interrogatory 2nd he answers that he saw said Thomas Millican under the service in Spartanburg ~~district~~ County under Captain John Collins, the Services were performed in South Carolina & Georgia in the latter part of the war as a mounted volunteer. As to the balance of the 2nd Interrogatory he can answer no part of it.

To 3rd Interrogatory he answers that he knows of nothing to prevent said Thomas Millican being entitled to a draw or draws as a revolutionary Soldier and further he saith not.

S/ George Hillen, H his mark

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[similar interrogatories were put to James and Phoebe Milliken of Warren County Kentucky. Their relationship if any to the veteran is not clear. They state they only knew the veteran from the year 1784 to 1799.]

[From what little I can make of the lawsuit, the issue was whether or not Thomas Millican was entitled to participate, which he evidently had, in a "Gold and Land lottery" in Georgia which lottery was evidently for the benefit of veterans of the revolution. The issue in question apparently was whether or not Millican had fraudulently participated in that lottery. The outcome of the law suit is not care, at least to me, from the documents in the file.]

³ March 1, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattiesmill.htm>