

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Million [Milion] R7242

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State of Kentucky Madison County: Sct.

On this 3rd day of April 1843 personally appeared in open Court before Charles L Fox & John W Parks Justices of the County Court in and for the County of Madison now sitting and being a Court of Record John Million a resident of said County aged eighty years on the 10th day of Made next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he was born on the 10th day of May 1783 in the County of Stafford Virginia. And that he lived there until he was eighteen years of age. That in the spring of the year 1781 – he thinks in the month of April – he was drafted in the service of the United States to serve in the Army of the United States for eighteen months against the British. That he was drafted under Captain Triplett and Colonel Harrison was the Colonel of his Regiment. That he rendezvoused at the neighboring Town of Dumfries in the County of Prince William. That he was employed in guarding military stores at Alexandria and continued there until after the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] except that during the time he was twice marched down to Dumfries – And he recollects well that during the latter marches he saw General Washington with a large army of French & Americans marching down to Little York. That he marched through Dumfries while he was there – He would give the name of his Major; but it was some queer name and he cannot recollect it. That the Regiment to which he belonged was not disbanded until after Little York was taken & Cornwallis & his Army surrendered. That he then received some paper which they called a furlough or something of the kind: But he took no care of it. But he understood that he was to be ready at a moment's notice to take up arms again.

That he has no record of his age of any kind and knows not where to find any. That whilst he was at Alexandria there were some Hessians there who were guarded as prisoners. That in the year 1783 he removed to Madison County Kentucky where he has ever since lived. That sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis he thinks about a month or more he was sent home he thinks as a minute man. That is to be ready at any moment and that he has not yet received his discharge & is yet ready when called upon. That all of his companions he thinks are gone. He knows of no one that can prove his services. If any of them are living he knows not where they are. That his reasons for not before applying for a pension or the peace. That he has had a small property, but that now his children have left him and that his property is not very productive at this time – & that he has always thought that it would be something like asking charity to apply: but that finally he has concluded to do it. That it was at the beginning of corn planting when he rendezvoused at Dumfries & that from that time until he received his furlough he is confident that more than six months had transpired. He thinks that he was out altogether

about seven months. And that he held himself in readiness to march out at any time after he received his furlough until the close of the War. That his failure to apply sooner has not resulted from his not believing that he deserved a pension as much as anybody. That he belonged to the infantry of the Virginia Militia – that immediately after the rendezvous at Dumfries he was marched to Alexandria now in the District of Columbia. That Humphrey Jones & Talton Embry are residents of the County aforesaid and his neighbors & some of them have known him for nearly sixty years & by them he can prove his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Army of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any State or ever has been.

S/ John Milion

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

[Humphrey Jones & Talton Embry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Thomas S Bronston, a minister of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On April 12, 1843 in Edgar County Illinois, Sarah Ann Combs, 91, gave testimony that she is the sister of the applicant who is her oldest brother; that her brother was born in the Month of May 1783 in Stafford County Virginia and is about 10 years younger than she is; she recollects that her brother was drafted in Stafford County Virginia to serve 18 months about the time her child William Combs Junior was about 5 years old. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]