

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Miles S11069

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District of Columbia County of Washington: Sct.

On this fourth day of May 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Washington, in the District of Columbia Edward Miles (who is, and has been, to me the said Justice personally well known for the last 18 or 20 years) of the report of the City of Washington in the District of Columbia aged Seventy One 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, viz.:

That in the latter part of the month of March, or the beginning of the month of April 1781, in Charles County, in the State of Maryland (in which County he was born and raised) he was drafted into the militia service of the US and was marched to Annapolis in said State, under the command of Francis Ware, and Henry Chapman, – upon arriving at Annapolis he was delivered up to the Command of Capt. Henry Gaither who then, or has since, resided in Montgomery County in said State of Maryland – after remaining some time under the command of Capt. Gaither – Capt. John Mitchell of the Regular Army, as the Deponent believes, came among the militia and beat up for Volunteers or Recruits, when the deponent, with many of his companions, joined the Company of the said Capt. Mitchell – the names of those who joined Mitchell's Company, so far as the deponent can now recollect them are as follows, viz., Nicholas Miles, (twin brother of the deponent), John Clements, Benedict Clements, (his brother), James Taylor, William Elgin, Henry Proctor, Matthew Smoot, William Lovely, George Maddox, William Clinkscales and William Nail<sup>1</sup> of all the persons here mentioned, the deponent believes that Henry Proctor is the only one now living, nor does he positively know that he is now alive. He understood eighteen months ago that he was living in Charles County, near Bryantown. After joining Capt. Mitchell's Company I was personally inspected and examined by General Smallwood [William Smallwood], in person, as also by Major Roxburg [Alexander Roxburgh], and by an Army Physician, who declared I was in all respects fit for service, when I was mustered, and, in part, clothed, (the full clothing to which I was informed I was entitled was not then to be had). Capt. Mitchell's Company was attached to Major Roxburg's Battalion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment. In the course of the Summer we were marched to the southward and were at the Siege of Yorktown in Virginia – upon arriving at York, we were attached to the command of General Lafayette and often during the Siege I have stood Centinel at the tent door of General Lafayette. After the surrender of Yorktown [October 19, 1781] I was one of the guard that

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<sup>1</sup> I searched the federal pension records for each of the men named by this veteran and found it that none of them are listed as having filed for a federal pension based on this service during the revolution.

marched of the British prisoners to Fredericksburg where we left the prisoners and our Company was marched to Annapolis, at which place I was discharged from service on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1782, making one year that I was in Service.

Harrison Elgin, was Lieut. of Capt. Mitchell's Company and died at Yorktown during the Siege. James Taylor's left arm was shot off at Yorktown.

I have never had or received a pension or annuity from the US or from any or either of the States.

This deponent further declares that he knows Priscilla King (the wife of Charles King) who resides near Rock Creek Church in the County of Washington in the District of Columbia and whose deposition accompanies this declaration to be the daughter of John Clements, one of the persons he has mentioned as serving with him and Capt. Mitchell's Company – and that with the exception of Henry Proctor (if he be living) she is the only person he now knows or who is within his reach that can prove any thing with respect to his service.

Col. Hanson was, as well as deponent now recollects, the Col. of the Regiment. The Henry Proctor above-mentioned acted as waiter to Col. Hanson.

S/ Edward Miles

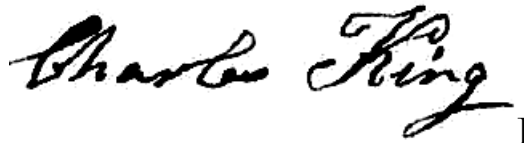


District of Columbia Washington County viz.

On this 9 Day of February 1833 before me one of the United States Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid appeared Priscilla King wife of Charles King, & daughter of John Clements late a Soldier of the Revolutionary War of the Maryland line now deceased who being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeseth & saith that her said Father John Clements often told Deponent & others in her hearing that Edward Miles served in the same Company with him at the Siege of York & that they served together for the period of 9 months & further saith not.

S/ Priscilla King, X her mark

[p 9: Charles King, son of Elijah King late of Prince George's County Maryland and husband of Priscilla King gave testimony substantially identical to that of his wife as transcribed above



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Land Office, Annapolis, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1833

I Certify that it appears by a list or paper on file in this office headed as follows; "Return of the Drafts from Charles County, who were drafted the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781;" – that the name of Edward Miles appears upon said return, to have been drafted on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 1781.

S/ George G Brewer

Register Land Office W. S. Md. miles

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Maryland Continental line.]