

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard Miller S13940

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State of Alabama Jefferson County} SS

On this eighth day of April A.D. 1833, Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the County Court of said County, now sitting, Leonard Miller, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-eight 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated, my Capt. was by the name of Benjamin Cleveland my Col. was Martin Armstrong -- the General under whom I served was by the name of Rutherford bracket Griffith Rutherford]. I enlisted in the year 1776 during the Revolution in a company of minute man, for six months during which time we were marched to Cross Creek in the State of North Carolina now known by the name of Fayetteville. I also during the same term of service served a tour against the Cherokee Indians under General Rutherford.¹ I was a citizen of the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina when I entered the service, I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure his attendance testify to my services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Leonard Miller, / his mark

[Hosea Holcomb, a clergyman, and M. H. Gillespie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 6: On December 6, 1847, in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, Caleb Miller, grandson of Leonard Miller, filed an affidavit in which he states that his father Benjamin Miller is the only one of his grandfather's children about whom he knows anything; he recalls meeting an uncle when he (Caleb) was very young; he states that his grandfather died October 4, 1845 He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 8: On December 6, 1847 in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, Benjamin Miller, son of Leonard Miller states that his father died October 6, 1845 in Benjamin's house in Lafayette in Mississippi; he states that his father lived with him in Alabama and Mississippi before he drew a pension for his services in the revolution; that his father had seven children but he (Benjamin) "has heard

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/NC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm search for "Cherokee Expedition (NC)." August 1-November1, 1776.

nothing from any of them for the space of 18 years past"; when he last heard from his brothers and sisters some were in Kentucky and some in Virginia; that his father lived with him since the year 1828 or 29.

man
Benjamin Miller

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]