

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Miller S13943

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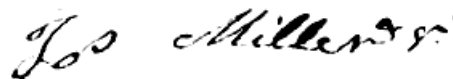
State of Kentucky Adair County Sct. November Term 1832

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally [appeared] in Open Court before the worshipful Justices of the County Court of Adair County now sitting Joseph Miller Sr. a resident of Adair County and State of Kentucky aged 79 years last July 29<sup>th</sup> day 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1775 he thinks in the month of May in the County of Botetourt County State of Virginia under Captain Mathew Arbuckle as a volunteer for three months, he was immediately marched on to Greenbrier from there to Donnelly's Fort where he was stationed to guard the frontier and reconnoiter the country after the Indians he was under no officer other than his Captain, and subalterns not being joined to any other troops in this way he served out the full term for which he turned out being three months and was Honorably discharged by his Captain But whether he received a written discharge or not he does Recollect if he did it is lost or mislaid so that he cannot find it. After his return home the militia was classed and in the months of \_\_\_ 1776 he entered the same service as a drafted militia man under Captain Goodeson [sic, Goodson?] for three months he was immediately marched on towards the lead mines in pursuit of Tories who were lurking about that Region of Country and in this tour he was marched to various points sometimes in North Carolina and sometimes in Virginia but was marched to no other troops that had many skirmishes with the Tories & took many of them prisoners and marched them on to Fincastle Jail & continued to scour the Country in that way and so continued for the full Term of three months and was again honorably discharged by his Captain and returned home.

He was again called out as a drafted militia man in the same County and state under Captain Joseph Pryor and immediately was marched on towards the Cherokee nation about 150 miles where he met with & was joined to General Campbell's Corps – when the march was continued on to the big Island of Holston River when they marched on about 100 miles further and met Colonel Campbell who had been in the Indian towns having marched a long-distance and was stationed some time at the big Island & other places, was marched home having served four months and upwards but is positive that it was as much as four months. This was in the year 1780. In the year 1781 he again entered the service as a drafted militia man in the same County & State under Captain John Galloway, when he was immediately marched on to Richmond having joined Colonel Samuel Lewis' Regiment at pathensbny [?] from Richmond he was marched on to old James town & was there joined General Stephens [Edward Stevens] Brigade or division from there he was marched either 8 or 10 miles of Little York where they remained until General Washington's Army arrived near York when they were immediately marched on

and was joined to General Washington's Army where he remained during the siege and until sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], after a service of for four months was again honorably discharged but what has become of this or any other of his discharges he cannot tell, in the year 1777 he was appointed by Colonel George Skilleron [George Skillern] of Botetourt County Virginia as an Indian spy on the frontier of Virginia for six months he was under no officer except said Colonel Skilleron, James Cloyd and himself having been appointed to spy together, in this way he continued in service until his term fully expired making a full service of 22 months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he Declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State – has no documentary Evidence of his service nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his service that he can procure, he was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1753 in the County of Amherst County Virginia where he resided until he was about 20 years of age when he moved to Botetourt County Virginia where he remained until the year 1794. He moved to Kentucky Fayette County when after remaining there about 3 years he moved to and settled in Green County now Adair, he has no record of his age now by him but recollects his age from his parents statements which he believes to be true. Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jos. Miller Sr.



[William Owens & Nathan Gaither gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

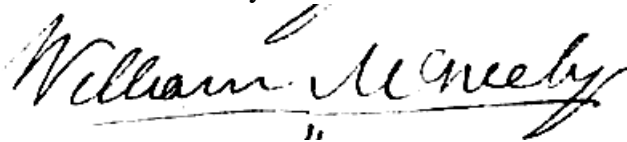
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I William McNeely of the said State and County do certify that I frequently saw Joseph Miller in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia previous to and after the year 1780 and do recollect that the summer before Cornwallis was taken or after the return of the troops after said capture I heard some of the troops name said Joseph Miller being in the Army either at the taking of Cornwallis or the summer beforehand but do not recollect which – I do also recollect hearing that said Miller lay sick at William Barnett's about 3 miles from my father's in the aforesaid County of Amherst on his return from the Army.

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1832

S/ William McNeely



[Facts in file: veteran died June 11, 1837, place not stated; the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 22 months in the Virginia service.]