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Pension Application of Samuel Miller S15940

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State of Virginia } Ss.

County of Brooke } On this twenty eighth day of October 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the court of Brooke County, now sitting, Samuel Miller, a resident of the same county and State, aged seventy eight years past, who after being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated:

That in the year 1775 when it appeared that war had taken place between Great Britain and her American Colonies, the Company of Militia in whose bounds declarant resided, in Kent County, in the then colony, now State of Maryland, voluntarily entered into an assosiation to serve the colonies during the contest, on every occasion in which their services would be useful; this Company was commanded by Captain William Ringold [possibly William Ringgold], and called themselves “Minute men”

On the first day of March 1776, declarant volunteered as a private with said Captain Ringold to serve two months militia duty, and did serve the same, in the County of Kent Aforesaid, and was discharged on the last day of April – but as was then customary with the Militia, no written discharge was given; this service was performed on the shore of the Chesapeake bay [sic: Chesapeake Bay], and extended on the Bay about ten miles, in the lower end of Kent county, including the mouth of Chester river – at which place, and along the line of the bay, the British were in the practice of receiving supplies, and plundering the inhabitants. As this was but a single company of Militia, employed as a coast guard, there was no field Officer nor any Officer or troops of the regular army in the vicinity.

On the first of March 1777, Declarant volunteered to serve as a private tow months Militia duty, and did serve the same, in the county of Kent aforesaid, under the command of Captain John Page, and was discharged on the last day of April, but did not receive a written discharge. This service was of the same kind as that last above mentioned.

On the first day of August, in the same year 1777 declarant volunteered and served two months, as a private Militia man, under the command of said Captain John Page, and was discharged on the last day of September. During the time of this service, the British fleet entered the Chesepeke bay, and our company was on constant duty, day and night, preventing their boats from obtaining supplies and plundering the inhabitants. No written discharge received.

On the first day of March 1778, Declarant again Volunteered, and served a tour of two months Militia duty, as a private, under the command of Captain James Williamson – but did not receive a written discharge. This duty was of the same kind as the preceding, and in the same county of Kent in guarding the coast from British depredations.

On the first day of March 1779 Declarant volunteered and did serve one month Militia duty, as a private, under the command of the said Captain James Williamson, and was discharged on the first day of April. This duty was of the same kind and at the same place as the preceding, namely in guarding the bay coast in the county of Kent aforesaid. No written discharge received.

Declarant states that he faithfully served as a private volunteer militia man Nine months in the Revolutionary War, as above stated.

Interrogatories by the court.

1<sup>st</sup> Where, and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Kent County, in the then colony, now state of Maryland, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year 1755.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age, but believe that the date of my birth is registered in the records of the Church of England, in Kent County, Maryland.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary War; and where do you now live?

Answer. When called into service I lived in Kent County, state of Maryland, and continued to reside there until the year 1797 when I removed to the county of Brooke and State of Virginia, in which I have ever since continued to reside.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service &c?

Answer. At all times as a Volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers &c?

Answer. The answer to this is fully stated in my declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

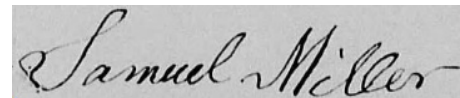
Answer. I never received a written discharge, but when the time for which I volunteered to serve expired, was verbally discharged by my Captain.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. The Rev'd. Lewis Browning and Edward Worrell.

Declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence; and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service other than the appended depositions of Rebecca Beck, and the Rev'd. William Wilson.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.



#### Ohio County

Personally came before me John Brady a Justice of the peace in & for said County Rebecca Beck aged seventy years who being sworn according to Law Depoeth and saith – that she has been acquainted with Sam'l. Miller as Long as she can Recollect and she believes him to be 78 years of age and in March 1776 she believes the said Sm'l. Miller was Called out on a Tour of Duty as a Malitiaman and in august 1777 the Malitia was called out a second time & this Deponant believes said Miller performed a second Tour of Duty – and she believes that said Miller was Engaged in the Defence of the Maryland frontier as a private During the Revelutionary war and further this Deponant saith not [signed] Rebecca Beck Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> November 1832

[In February 1834 Samuel Miller was issued a certificate for a pension of \$30 per year for nine months service. The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

Samuel Miller – alledges to have served 9 mo. in the Md. Militia under Capts. Ringold Page & Williamson, so says abstract for Brook cty –

I the undersigned Samuel Miller, in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of war, give the following as a re Declaration of my Revo'y services. I was born Jan'y 6 1755, am a native of Kent county Maryland, lived there until 1797 then moved to this county.

In March 1776 Govenor Dunmore [Lord Dunmore of Virginia] made his appearance at the mouth of Chester with one Sloop and his tenders. I volunteered, under Capt. Ringold, a [illegible word] company, was stationed on the coast in Kent county. our duty was to scout and rainge up down and about

the coast to prevent the british soldiers, then with Dunmore, from plundering the country, and also to prevent the slave from running away, and getting on board of Dunmores vessels – Dunmore made his appearance about the first of March and left about the last of May. I was in this service at least two months. I think we volunteered for that length of time.

In the Spring of 1777 Dunmore made his appearance at same place. [sic: see endnote] I volunteered again, served at same places and done same duty under Capt John Page, was in this expedition for two months.

In August in same year the British Fleet came up the Bay. I volunteered again for two months and served under the same Captain Page, & performed the duty as done in the preceding tours and in the same neighbourhood.

In the Spring of 1778 Dunmore [sic] made his appearance again at the Mouth of Chester. I again volunteered under same Capt. Page, and served two months at same places performing same duty.

In 1781 (I think) I served one month at same place under Capt. Williamson – thus ended my services. [several illegible words] Mrs. Beck and the Rev. William Wilson. Capt. McCluney wrote my Declaration to whom I gave the same statement in substance now given – he charged me \$10. In Witness  
of all which I hereto subscribe my name July 10 1835 Samuel Miller  
Witness/ Wm McCluney a copy W G Singleton

NOTE: Lord Dunmore departed for England on 7 Aug 1776.