

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Justice S1842

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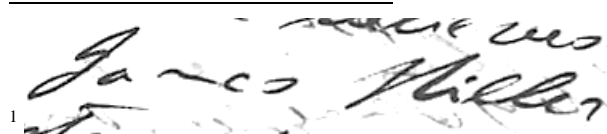
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[Transcriber's note: the handwriting on this application is appallingly bad and difficult to decipher: extreme caution should be used in relying upon this transcription.]

State of Tennessee, Bedford County

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in the open court of the Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Bedford County in the State aforesaid before Samuel Phillips, John L. Nail and John B. Armstrong Esquires Justices of the peace appointed to hold said court now sitting Thomas Justice aged sixty-seven years and two months 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 7 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1781, he entered the service of the United States and went into Captain William Nevel's [William Neville's] Company as a volunteer = that as a mounted horseman in the North Carolina line. That John Earl [Lt. Col. John Earle] was his Colonel he believes his General was James Miller [?].<sup>1</sup> That he joined Captain Nevel at the White Oak Fort in Rutherford County in North Carolina and that he believes he served under said Captain Nevel two years against the Indians and Tories, during which time he marched through different parts of Rutherford County in North Carolina and in fact he served all the tour aforesaid in Rutherford County except as follows in the summer of 1781 he believes in July 1781 he marched from Rutherford County in North Carolina into Spartanburg County in South Carolina, and continued there a few weeks against the Tories at the end of the few weeks aforesaid marched back to Rutherford County in North Carolina and continued in Rutherford till the end of the two years aforesaid. That he served two years about one year & nine days of which time he served during the Revolutionary War. The revolutionary War having as he is advised ended about the last of January or first of February 1782, but the Indians continued to be troublesome for several months after the Revolutionary War ended. That during the two years aforesaid he was acquainted with General James Miller, Colonel John Earl, Majors Arrington & Wood Cpts. Nevel & Coulter. That at the end of the two years aforesaid as he believes about 21<sup>st</sup> of January 1783 he was verbally discharged by his Colonel John Earl. That he has no documentary evidence nor he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim



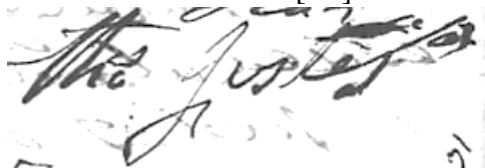
<sup>1</sup> Miller of the Rutherford County, NC, militia.

Probably a mistaken attempt to identify Lt. Col. James

whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state or territory in the United States. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clerk

S/ Thos. Justis [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Justis". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Questions to be ast [sic, asked] Thomas Justice

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

Answer. I was born in Halifax County in the State of Virginia on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1765.

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

Answer. I have in a large Bible which formerly belonged to my father.

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: I lived in Rutherford County North Carolina when called into service and lived there six years after the end of the revolutionary war, then removed to Buncombe County North Carolina I lived there 25 years then removed to Buford County Tennessee where he now lives.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. General James Miller – Colonel John Earle, Major Arrington, Major William Wood & Captain William Nevel and the general circumstances of my service are above stated.

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 only received a verbal discharge from Colonel John Earle.

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

Answer. Thomas Smith Esq., Nicholas Woodfin, Samuel Woodfin, James G. Minn, John Nailer

Sworn to and open Court 13<sup>th</sup> November 1832.

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clerk

S/ Thos. Justice

[Thomas Smith and Nicholas Woodfin [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]