

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zelus Milstead S1857

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: SS

On this 22nd day of October 1832, personally appeared before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Zelus Milstead a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-six years who first 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

I was drafted in the service of the United States for a six months tour, but in what year of my memory does not serve me to recollect. I was commanded by Captain Richard Ballinger of the Virginia Militia, whose company was attached to General Harris' Brigade, rendezvoused at Richmond, in the fall of the year, and was sent across James River to Peters' Fort in order to supply the place of some regular soldiers who had been stationed there, but who had been ordered to another place of service. I was stationed at Peters Fort for three months, at the end of which time I was furloughed and returned home for a short time. After my furlough had expired I again repaired to said Fort, where [I] stayed until my term of service was fully completed and was discharged.

About six months after this my first tour of service, I was again drafted for a six months tour, and was sent into Albemarle County Virginia, under my former Captain (viz.) Ballinger, to guard some British and Hessian prisoners, where I remained during the whole of the period for which I was this second time drafted, and was then discharged and returned home. I had no fighting whilst I was out, no regular soldiers were stationed where I was, during my term of service, but there had been some at Peters' Fort but they had evacuated the place before I got there, by whom they were commanded (if I ever knew) I do not now remember. I know of no person by whom I can prove my service. If ever I received a written discharge I have lost or mislaid it so that it cannot be found. I was born on [sic, in] Amherst County Virginia. In the year 1756, day and month not known, as I have no record of my age; lived when I was called into service in the same County where I was born. I moved from there to Spartanburg County South Carolina, from thence into Hancock County Georgia where I resided 15 years, thence to Logan County Kentucky, thence to Williamson County Tennessee, thence to the muscle shoals thence to Murray County Tennessee, thence to Lincoln County Tennessee where I now reside, and have resided for about one year.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Zelus Milstead, X his mark

[Ebenezer McEwen, a clergyman, and William Edmiston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia militia.]