

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Miles S2006

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State of Tennessee, Robertson County

November the 15th 1832,

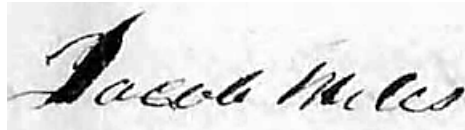
Personally appeared in open court in person, Jacob Miles, age Seventy Six years old since the fifth day of Last February, a resident in the County and State aforesaid in open court who being first duly sworn according to Law do on his Oath make the following declaration In order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress Passed June the 7th 1832—first I was born in the State of Merriland [Maryland], Baltimore County in the year 1756, so states my Father's Register and left that State at 12 years old and removed to North Carolina in Caswell County where I remained till entered in to service by volunteering myself and finding my own horse three tours in succession of Six weeks each in the Cavalry or Militia Light horse under Colonel Moore [William Moore] of Caswell County & Col. Maben [Robert Mebane] of Hillsborough, Major Runnels [Reynolds?] & Captain Oldum [John Oldham] and Marched from Hillsborough to Fayetteville. Thence up the Country to the shallow ford of the Yadkin River. Thence down towards Wilmington through the thick of the Tories with many scrimmages and in one general engagement on Huwarra [Uwharrie] at the fork of the Allemance [Alamance Creek?]; Supposed 100 killed on the Ground besides many wounded of Tories,¹ From thence we marched to the Salisbury Road leading to Hillsborough. Thence marched after Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] to Overtake him before [he] could reach Hillsborough but there [he was] reinforced and we had to give back in return and the Enemy chased us back again, [this] being the time when Major Lewis² received a Mortal wound & deceased in 4 days. After[wards], with many other incidents not worth relating nor particulars recollected at this time but marching to and fro until I had served in full Eighteen weeks & then Honorably discharged by said Colonel Moore at Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) in the same state. Then I returned home and rested for several months. Then I volunteered and went under Captain Spilman Coleman [Spillsby Coleman], Colonel Moore & General Butler [John Butler] for a tour of three months or more in the Horse service and riding my own [horse] [we] Rendezvoused at Hillsborough in Orange County (now Caswell) then and march[ed] to Fayetteville now (Cross Creek then).

¹ Could this be a reference to the engagement know as Pyle's Defeat on February 25, 1781? See, Patrick O'Kelley, *Nothing but Blood and Slaughter: The Revolutionary War in the Carolinas, Volume Three: 1781*, (N. p.: Booklocker.com, Inc., 2005) 96.

² This is probably a reference to Major Micajah Lewis who was mortally wounded on February 26, 1781 in a skirmish near Dickey's Farm. See, *Ibid.* 100.

Thence to the neighborhood of Wilmington and to & fro through the swamps of that country had some skirmishes with the Tories but no particular engagement till my time of service expired. Then we was discharged in Bladen County [with] in Twelve Miles of Wilmington from thence I returned home. I was joined in a class of nine men to furnish one regular [soldier] [to be] In service for & during the war for the sum of nine hundred dollars by the Name of Luke Stansbury which cleared us from further service during the war. Hence I remained in Caswell County & married and resided there till about twenty one years ago I removed to the State of Kentucky. Lived one year in Logan County. Then removed to Robertson County Tennessee, State where I have resided ever since. Now I further state I received a written discharge from Spillsby Coleman Captain and also from Colonel Moore but left these in North Carolina in a pocket Book in North Carolina in a desk I gave to my son. As to my veracity and conduct through life may be known by applying to my neighbors, to wit: Hiram Rice, William Irvin [?], Jerry Starks, Townly [?] Redfern, Thomas Gunn & James Yeats who served a tour at the same time with me In the Revolution. [illegible insert]. Now I further declare I have no documentary evidence by me which I can further establish my claim to a pension independent of my own declaration and hereby declare my name on no pension roll of any agency of this nor any state in the United States and do hereby relinquish all claim to a pension except the present.

S/ Jacob Miles

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Miles". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

Sworn to and subscribed this the day & date first written In Open Court.

Test. W. Seal, Clk

[Thomas Gunn, a clergyman, and James Yeates gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition, James Yeats "do further Certify that I know it of my own knowledge for I served in his last mentioned tower [tour] with him...." Yeates signed with his mark.]

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Robertson County, State of Tennessee: November Term Court the fourth day in the Session on the 15th day A.D. 1832.

Personally appeared James Yeates³ in Open Court (Deposeth & Saith that he knew that Jacob Miles who is an applicant for a pension as a Revolutionary Soldier Volunteered and went under the Command of Captain Shilman Coleman [Spillsby Coleman] Colonel Moore & General Butler for a tour of three months in the horse service and Rendezvoused at Hillsboro in Orange County North Carolina and I myself was a substitute for my Brother Thomas Yeates⁴ and served two months of said tour we marched to Fayetteville thence to the Neighborhood of Wilmington near the long Bridge. Next I will relate the Incidents that passed in said Tour – first I was on Picket Guard near a place called the White Marsh where the Enemy passed between us & our armagh [army]. We found in the scrimmage that our Army had retreated and we was left Then we concluded we could not Join the Army But we marched to Cross Creek and happily Joined our Army until then we was mounted Infantry

³ There is no evidence that James Yeates (or anyone with a name similar to that) filed for a pension for service in the Revolution. This affidavit may provide the only evidence of his service.

⁴ Probably the same man as [Thomas Yeates W7335](#)

but after that Scrimmage we lost our horses and took it afoot. Then shortly after that time I left the Army and after Serving my time of two months, as a substitute and Left Jacob Miles with the Army. Which I Verily believe Stayed his tour of three months and was regular discharged. Sworn to and Subscribed this the 15th day of November 1832 in Open Court.
Test: S/ W. Seal, Clk
S/ James Yeates, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]