

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Miller S23808

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State of Pennsylvania

County of Butler/ SS

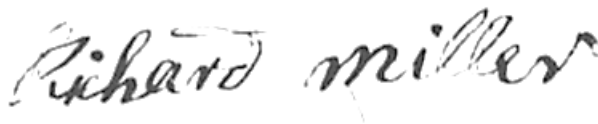
On the 11th day of September 1832, personally appeared before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county aforesaid, Richard Miller, a resident of Centre Township of the county aforesaid and the state of Pennsylvania, aged 78 years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776 early in January with Sergeant George Stewart and served in the 1st regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers Col. Nash [*Francis Nash*], Lieut. Col. Clark [*Thomas Clark*], this applicant believes, Major Davis [*William Davis*], Captain George Davidson, Lieut. Robert Ralston, Ensign David Herr. He resided where he first entered the service at Guilford C. H. Guilford County, N. Carolina.

He left the service about the 1st of September the same year. His company set out from Guilford Court House under Col Martin, Lieut. Col & Major not recollected, for this applicant was principally under Col Nash, Lieut. Col. Clark & Major Davis - marched to Salisbury thence marched down through the country to Crosscreek [*sic, Cross Creek, now Fayetteville*] to keep down the tories, but they ran off upon their approach—thence by water on Cape Fear river 100 to Wilmington. Either here or at Cross creek the ranks were settled & this applicant was placed under Col Nash &c-- remained at Wilmington a considerable time, watching a part of the British Fleet at Brunswick 15 [miles] below Wilmington, watching also & endeavoring to catch the tories. From Wilmington his regiment with others proceeded by Lockwood's Folly and Long Bay shore to Charleston, South Carolina, they were employed in barricading the town, remained there to the 28th of June when the British fleet came, when they marched over to Haddrell's Point - lay there some days, marched down to Sullivan's Island to the east end & remained there 2 weeks, then back to Haddrell's Point. Then came back to Charleston where they were discharged by Col Nash. Which discharge this applicant has not now in his possession it having been lost long since from want of care in the preservation of his papers.

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 or agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

(signed): Richard Miller



S/ Wm Stewart, Pro.

On December 11, 1832, applicant filed a substantially identical application, with the exception of the following added before the relinquishment of any other pension or annuity claims:

“As this applicant was a soldier in the regular Army, he made application at the last County Court held here agreeably to the rules prescribed by the War Department in such cases. But as his name does not appear on the rolls in the Department, from being deficient or some other cause, he resorts to the next best evidence his case will admit of. He knows of no personal witnesses of his services in this part of the country. There might be some in N. Carolina, but he

would not know where to find them, and if he did it would be too inconvenient & expensive to procure their testimony. He has therefore to rely principally on his own oath & the universal belief of his neighbors.”

[The second application was supported by affidavits in the standard form given by John Coulter, a clergyman, and Abraham Brinker attesting the age of the applicant and his reputation as a soldier of the revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]