

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Miller S2831

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The State of Ohio Preble County Court of Common Pleas September Term A.D. 1832: First Judicial Circuit of the Court of Common Pleas

On this 21st day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Preble in the State of Ohio Frederick Miller aged seventy-two years a resident of the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration on oath in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That about the first of May in the year 1778 in Rockingham County Virginia, he entered as a volunteer militia man in the Army of the Revolution under the command of Robert Cravens and Deponent served five months in Garrison in Tigrors Valley [Tygart's Valley] Virginia protecting the settlers from the depredations of the Indians; that at the end of the five months, he volunteered under Captain Cravens, was a private militia man for a three months tour in General McIntosh's Campaign against the Indians. Deponent marched with the troops under General McIntosh to the mouth of Big Beaver on the Ohio [River], where they built a Fort, and met a large body of regular troops at that place. Deponent does not know who commanded the Regular troops, but he recollects that Colonels Gibson and Broadhead were with them at that place. That they marched from that place, in company with the Regular troops to a point on the Muskingum River at or just below the Junction of the Tuscarawas and White Woman rivers, at which place they built Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens], they marched from there to Fort McIntosh on the banks of the Ohio, where they arrived sometime in December 1778 where they were discharged. Deponent further saith that on the 16th day of January 1781 he entered the service of his country, as a volunteer militia man for a three months tour under Captain John Rice, and rendezvoused at Harrisonburg in Rockingham County Virginia. That they marched in Colonel Nauls [William Nalle or Nall] Regiment of Virginia militia and crossed James River at Cabin point in the first evening they joined a large party of troops under the command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], and marched from that place to Portsmouth Virginia from which place they marched to Pigeon Hill, where they had a skirmish with the British. Deponent further saith that previous to this skirmish Colonel Nauls had left the command and Colonel Bowyer [probably John Bowyer] was then in command of the Regiment. Deponent further saith that they were then under the command of Colonel Bowyer and General Muhlenberg and were forted at a place called the long bridge, about two miles from Pigeon Hill. That they marched from that place to the state line of North Carolina, and from thence to Suffolk Virginia. From that place they marched about one days March towards home, and were discharged under Colonel Bowyer

Deponent further saith that during that tour he served as a Corporal, but got no written discharge.

Deponent further saith that sometime in September 1781 he again entered the service of his country, as a volunteer under Captain Michael Goker or Coker [Michael Coger], in Rockingham County Virginia and marched in Colonel Lewis' Regiment of Virginia militia, and joined the main Army at little York Virginia, under the command of General Washington then besieging Lord Cornwallis; and that they remained with the main Army until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and his Army, and that he was discharged in November of the same year, and after surrender he assisted in guarding the prisoners to Winchester Virginia where he was discharged after serving two months. Deponent further saith that he served in all during the war of the revolution thirteen months. Deponent never received any written discharge – that he has no written record of his age except that he took from his father's book many years ago. Deponent further saith that he was born in Augusta County Virginia, now called Rockingham County, on the 8th day of August in the year 1760, and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services, but is well known to Isaac Stephens and Joseph C Hawkins and other residents of said Preble County, by whom he can prove that he sustained a good character for truth and veracity and that he is reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the revolution. Deponent 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

S/ Frederick Miller

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick Miller". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Isaac Stephens and Joseph C Hawkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & corporal for 13 months in the Virginia militia.]