

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lawrence (Lorentz) Miller S31257

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Lorentz Miller of the Parish of St. Helena, in the State of Louisiana do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war, and continued in the same or in its service until its termination: at which period I was a cornet in Colonel Washington's Troop of Cavalry. And I also further declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828, on the Pension list of the United States.

S/ Lorentz Miller

[Stephen Williams and Frederick Miller gave an affidavit stating that it is generally reputed and believed that the claimant had been a cornet in the Army of the revolution in the manner stated in his declaration.]

State of Louisiana Parish of St. Helena: SS

On this 10th day of September, 1832, personally came and appeared in the Eighth District Court of the State and Parish aforesaid, the said Court being then open, Lawrence Miller, a Citizen of said Parish, aged eighty-two years who first being duly sworn according to law, did make on his oath the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the service and Army of the United States in the year __but the year is forgotten, with Captain Hough, and served in his company (but affiant cannot recollect what Regiment, but he was under General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg]) for upwards of two years. He enlisted for three years -- and about six months before the term of his enlistment expired, he was transferred, at his own request to Captain William Washington's company of Cavalry: When the three years for which he first enlisted had expired affiant reenlisted for the war. He was in the Battle of Guilford Court House SC [sic, NC] where the Trumpeter being ~~killed~~ mortally wounded, of which wound he died, affiant was made Trumpeter, and soon became principal Trumpeter to Colonel Washington, with the pay of \$16 per month. When affiant was transferred to Captain Washington's Company, he

was stationed at Frankfurt, near Philadelphia, and one of his Captain Washington's lieutenants was named John Smith and his Ensign George Smith. A short time after he was transferred, affiant was marched from Frankfurt through Maryland, Virginia & North Carolina, in the South Carolina and was in the battle of Guilford Court House. He was afterwards in the battles and skirmishes, at the Cowpens, in Ninety Six, at Ausping [sic?], at Dorchester, at Congaree Ford and last at Eutaw Springs. In the last battle affiant received five wounds, and was taken prisoner in the charge made by Colonel Washington. Three of his wounds were in the head, from a sabre, two of which opened his skull, the bone which has never closed, and the other across his face, extending from his left eye down to his chin -- the scar still deep and visible. Another wound was from a musket the ball passing through his neck, and the last in the abdomen, from a bayonet. Affiant was discharged at Charleston SC at or after the close of the war. In this sending the Ohio River, on his way from Kentucky to Natchez, the boat on board of which affiant was, was stove, and he lost his discharges with everything else he possessed, but his wife and children:

Before entering the regular service, affiant volunteered in Lancaster County Pennsylvania for nine months, under Captain Harvey Leach, and was marched to Fort Washington near New York, where he was taken prisoner, and made his escape.

Affiant expects the evidence of his services in the Continental Army is to be found in the war department, as he was put on the invalid pension list, and drew his pension for the year 1783, 1784 & 1785 -- afterwards he moved to Kentucky, and then to Natchez, and never again applied for his pension, being under a foreign government.

Affiant 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 of any agency in any state, except as he has before stated on the list of invalid pensioners, and where that list is he cannot tell.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court this 10th day of September A.D. 1832
S/ Edward Gorman, Clerk S/ Lawrence Miller, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 23rd March 1833

Sir

I do not find the name of Lawrence Miller on any musterrolls in this Office or any evidence in support of his claim.

I am

very respectfully your obedient servant

S/ Wm Hill [Secretary of State]

James L. Edwards, Esqr., Commissioner of Pensions

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The name of "Jacob Myers" is not found on the Army Registers, either State or Continental.

Those Virginia Officers in the Continental line, mentioned in his Declaration, are to be found on the Army Register.

It does not appear he has drawn Land Bounty.

The name of "Lawrence Miller" is not found on the Army Registers state or Continental.

On the Continental Register there appears to the name of "Larrey Miller" which may be meant as a Contraction for "Lawrence."

The names of the officers mentioned in his Declaration (General Muhlenberg & Colonel

Washington) are to be found on the Continental Register.

It does not appear that he has drawn Land.

Auditor's Office of Virginia October 19, 1833

Sir

The above is all the information this department affords in relation to the claims of Jacob Myers and Lawrence Miller.

Respectfully Y. Ob. St.

S/ J. Adams Smith, 1st Clerk Acting Auditor

Geo. Wm. Crump, Esqr.

Acting Commissioner of Pensions

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State of Mississippi Amite County: Personally came Samuel M. Cotton¹ of the County and State aforesaid before Richard Hurst Associate Justice of the County and Probate Court of Amite County -- and made oath in due form That he the said Samuel M. Cotton in the latter part of the last Revolutionary war of Independence did belong to the Troop of Horse commanded by Colonel Wm Washington -- and that Lourentz [sic] Miller belonged to the same Troop acting as Buglerman.

The deponent further states that at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs the said L. Miller was badly wounded by the British troops or troopers on the first of Battle. The deponent states that the last [he] see [saw] of the said L. Miller until in this State, was laying on the field of Battle in a bloody gore from his wounds -- which the deponent did not expect that the said Miller had recovered of until the said deponent met with him the said Miller in this County (Amite) at which time the said Cotton knew him the said Miller to be the same man left on the field of Battle -- and further this deponent saith not

S/ Saml. M. Cotten

Sworn and subscribed to before made this 24th day of August A.D. 1829

S/ Rd. Hurst, Seal

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

7 March 1829

Lorentz Miller of St. Helena Parish in the ~~County of ___ in the~~ State of Louisiana has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period he was a Cornet in the Colonel Washington regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received occasions certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, ~~nothing dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of ___~~

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

¹ I cannot find the veteran of this or any similar name who filed for a federal pension claiming service under Colonel William Washington. Consequently, this may be the only record of this veteran was service in the federal pension files.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins
Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,

9th March 1829

It does not appear by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to Lorentz Miller, Cornet in the Virginia line, amounting to dollars.

It further appears that Lorentz Miller is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~at the rate of per month.~~

The Revolutionary records in this Office, furnish no information whatever in relation to the services of Cornet Lorentz Miller of Colonel Washington's Regiment of the Virginia line.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

General Land Office

April 13 1829

The name of Lorentz Miller does not appear on the list of Warrant issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia so far as they have been received.

S/GW Graham
Commissioner

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 3 years service as a private of Dragoons in the Virginia service.]