

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Miller S31258

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State of Kentucky Sct.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court for the County of Harrison in the State aforesaid Jacob Miller a resident of said County and State aged seventy-three years on the 12<sup>th</sup> of next August who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That in the year 1780 or 1781 as well as I now recollect I volunteered to serve a Tour of three months as a private soldier in the Army of the United States in Captain Gatewood's Company of Light horse which belonged to and composed a part of Colonel Jennings' Regiment of Virginia militia. That I joined the company in Shenandoah County State of Virginia and immediately afterwards we marched to a little village on the Rappahannock River in said state where the British had burnt some houses and had gone off. From that place we marched to hunters Forge or Ironworks where the Company were all discharged. About eighteen months afterwards I volunteered as a private soldier for a Tour of three months in the Army of the United States and was attached to Captain Leehorn's Company of Virginia militia. I joined the Company in Shenandoah County State of Virginia and from there we marched to Philadelphia and there we guarded the British prisoners for almost two months and from there we marched to Winchester Virginia and there we were all discharged. That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory I cannot state precisely at what time I entered the service or at what time I was discharged but I state positively that I served out my Tour of three months each time. I do not recollect whether I ever got written discharges or not but if I did I have lost them and therefore cannot produce them and I know of no living witness at this time by whom I can prove my services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

The following questions were propounded by the Court 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born? 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

To the first I answered that I was born in Shenandoah County State of Virginia on the 12<sup>th</sup>

day of August 1760

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> I answered that my age was recorded in my father's family Bible but I have not got it in my possession and do not know where it is.

To the 3<sup>rd</sup> I answered that I was living in Shenandoah County State of Virginia when I was called into the service and resided there until the fall of the year 1816 when I started to Kentucky and in February 1718 I arrived in Kentucky and have resided in said State ever since.

To the 4<sup>th</sup> I answered that I volunteered both times but never a substitute.

To the 5<sup>th</sup> I answered that this question was answered in the Body of my declaration.

To the 6<sup>th</sup> I answered that I think that I received discharges from the service but I believe they are lost as I cannot find them.

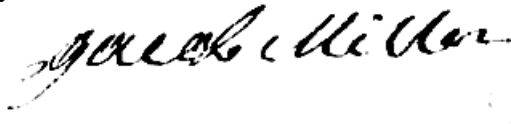
To the 7<sup>th</sup> I answered that I am known to Lewis Corbin & Abner Hayden in my neighborhood and who can testify as to my veracity and their belief as to my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Miller, X his mark

[Lewis Corbin, a clergyman residing in Bourbon County Kentucky, and Abner Hayden, a resident of Harrison County Kentucky gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 18: On August 7, 1840 in Harrison County Kentucky, the veteran applied for a new pension certificate saying he has lost his original certificate. This document purports to have been signed by him as follows

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Miller". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. Below the signature, there is a small, faint mark that looks like a closing bracket "]" or a similar symbol.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the cavalry for 3 months and the infantry for 3 months.]