

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Millican S31260

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before Asher W. Graham Judge of the Warren Circuit now sitting James Millican a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 177_under Capt. Joe Dixon [Joseph Dickson] in Lincoln County North Carolina. That he was a resident of that County at that time. That Col. Davy [William Richardson Davie] commanded. There were under his command 1400 soldiers, 700 foot & 700 horse. This was at the time the British were lying at Charlotte in Mecklenburg County.¹ That he was four months in service under Capt. Dixon. They lay and were stationed about 14 miles from Charlotte where the British were on the road to Virginia for the purpose of preventing the British from going to Virginia. The British were waiting at Charlotte for Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] who was defeated at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] and then intended going on to Virginia. They did not take their march to Virginia while this applicant was there. There was nothing important happened during their station at the place spoken of except Capt. Dixon marched his men on to Mr. McGafferty's Mill about 14 miles from the station. The British fired on us on this trip & we lost one man and we took one prisoner who was one of the British sentinels. The Tories & British were both at the mill a few days before the battle of Kings Mountain. The Tories met [?] this applicant's wife & took from her her horse saddle & bridle. -- This applicant volunteered on a campaign against the Indians under Capt. Music [Lewis Musick], Col. Miller [James Miller of Rutherford County] & Col. McDowell [Charles McDowell] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] were the superior officers this campaign was for three months it was to the Cherokee nation. Capt. Music was killed by one of his own men when in pursuit of an Indian by accident.² This applicant states that he has lost or mislaid his discharges and has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know of any living witnesses to prove his services.

Test: S/ P. C. Morehead

S/ James Millican, X his mark

¹ The British Army under Lord Cornwallis occupied Charlotte NC from late September 1780 until shortly after news arrived of the defeat of Patrick Ferguson's forces at King's Mountain on October 7, 1780. After receiving that news, Cornwallis marched his Army back into South Carolina, to Winnsborough, where he remained until January 1781.

² This incident is also described by [S4614 Yelvaton Neville \(Nevill\)](#).

I James Millican do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

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[Isaac O. Lewis, a clergyman, and Asa T. Mitchell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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