

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Miller Bledsoe S31556

f31VA

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Georgia, Oglethorpe County }

On this the third day of September 1832, personally appeared before the honorable the Inferior Court of said County when sitting for ordinary purposes, Miller Bledsoe, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged Seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 77 with Nathaniel Welch and served in the Second Virginia State Regiment and he supposes State line, under the following named officers ~ Deponent enlisted under Nathaniel Welch as recruiting officer, was commanded during his stay in Virginia by Capt. Ambers Dudley [Ambrose Dudley], thence conducted to Valley Forge by the said Nathaniel Welch and there under the command of field officer Genl. Mulenburg [sic, John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg ], Col. William Brunt [sic, William Brent] & Maj. Lee [John Lee] & company officers Capt. he thinks William Tabb, Lieutenant Macklehany, and Ensign \_\_ Hardeman [perhaps John Hardyman]. That deponent left the service of his country in the year 1780 and he thinks on 17<sup>th</sup> Feby. of that year. Deponent further states that at the time of his enlistment he resided in the County of Orange State of Virginia, that he was in command of Maj. Lee & at the storming of the Fort at Powlers Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] opposite the city of New York, and that during the period of his enlistment he was marched from Williamsburg in Virginia to Baltimore, Fredericktown & to Valley Forge, where deponent lay some time with smallpox, & from thence to Monmouth & he thinks from thence to White Plains ~ thence to Smiths Close, and thence unto winter quarters at Middle Brook [sic, Middlebrook]. Deponent thinks from thence to Philadelphia, thence to Fredericktown, thence to Falmouth, and thence discharged from expiration of time of service. Deponent may be in error from defect of memory, as to places & unimportant particulars & as to the order of their occurrence, but the material & prominent statements are true & the rest so, to the best of a waning memory & recollection.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Miller Bledsoe



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Miller Bledsoe having served three years as a Soldier in the second Virginia State Regiment the term of his Enlistment, is hereby discharged the service. Given under my hand this first day of March 1780

[Signed] John Lee, Major 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Virga. State Regt.

A Copy  
P. Southall