

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel McMillan S32397

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State of South Carolina Chester District

On this 24th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said District now sitting Daniel McMillan a resident of Chester District in the State of South Carolina, aged, 80 years, who being 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.

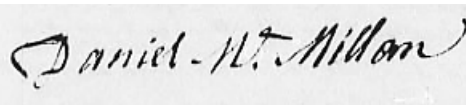
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was residing in Camden District South Carolina in the year 1776, and that there was a draft took place in the summer of that year for men to go to Charleston and he was not drafted himself, but volunteered his services and went with those who had been drafted to Charleston in the month of June 1776, and the Company with which he went was commanded by Capt. John Drakeford; That he remained a few weeks in Charleston and returned again to Camden District with a part of the man who had been drafted and who had been discharged in Charleston.

That after he returned from Charleston he remained at home in Camden District until the fall of the year 1778 when he was drafted for 3 months and sometime in the fall of that year marched with the company commanded by Capt. George Ross from Camden to within about 7 miles of Charleston, where the Regiment remained stationed for a short time under the command of Col. Kershaw of Camden from that he went across the Country under the same officers by the Salt Catcher [sic, Saltketcher River] and Jacksonborough and Coosahatchie [River] to Purrysburg, the British troops at that time being in the State of Georgia and General Moultrie [William Moultrie] and General Lincoln bracket Benjamin Lincoln] were about the same time in the lower part of South Carolina opposing their progress. That he remained at Purrysburg until the expiration of the 3 months for which he had been drafted and then returned home to Camden District. That in the spring of 1779 he was again drafted for 3 months and marched from Camden to Augusta in the State of Georgia under the same Capt. George Ross, and General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] was at that time the commanding officer at Augusta. That he remained at Augusta until the expiration of the term for which he had been drafted. That during the time he was at Augusta there was a draft took place in the camps there for the purpose of sending men out to fight the Indians, that he was not drafted himself, but others were and amongst those who were there was a Francis Ross a brother of Capt. George Ross and said Francis Ross was killed by an Indian whom he had taken as a prisoner. A party was also sent from Augusta into Georgia after some British who had come up into the Country, who had a

skirmish with them and brought 2 or 3 British prisoners into Augusta, one of them an officer by the name of Major Spergen. That in the fall of 1779 he was again drafted for 3 months and marched to the Four holes under the same Capt. George Ross and Col. Kershaw and remained stationed at the Four Holes until the term for which he had been drafted had expired, and General Henderson was the commanding officer at that place at that time.

That he was again drafted in the summer of 1782 for the term of 3 months and marched to the South fork of Edisto [River] under Capt. John Graham from Beaver Creek, and remained there under the command of General Henderson [William Henderson] until the expiration of his term. That he was born in Ireland 1752. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, further than the affidavits of Hugh McLester, Patrick Layton & Alexander Fleming of Kershaw District, which are hereto annexed. He 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 in open court  
S/ Daniel McMillan



[John L. R. Davies, a clergyman, and Dr. John Douglass gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1<sup>st</sup> I was born in Ireland in 1752

2. I have no record of my age but know it by tradition.

3. I was living in Camden District now Kershaw District most of the time and Kershaw about 16 years since I have lived in Chester District where I'm now live.

4. I went as a volunteer in the first Charleston expedition after that I was drafted.

5. I served under Col. Kershaw and Capt. George Ross and Capt. John Drakeford, Col.

Kershaw's Regiment of militia I was sent to Charleston from thence to Purrysburg by way of Saltketcher.

6. I never got a written discharge

7. I refer to Rev. John LR Davies and Dr. John Douglass.

S/ Daniel McMillan

State of South Carolina Chester The district

On this 2nd day of September 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before Peter Wylie Esquire Judge & Clerk of the Court of Ordinary, for said District, now sitting, Daniel McMillan, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades. For 2 weeks in the month of June 1776, as a private in Capt. John Drakeford's Company, under Col. Kershaw. For 3 months in the fall of 1778, as a private in Capt. George Ross's company under Col. Kershaw. For 3 months as a private in Capt. George Ross was Company in the Spring of 1779, under Col. Kershaw and General Williamson. For 3 months in the fall of 1779 in Capt. George Ross's company, as a private under Col. Kershaw and General Henderson. For 3 months as a private in Capt. John Graham's Company in the summer of 1782 under General Henderson and for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 2nd day of September 1833 before me

S/ Peter Wylie

S/ Daniel McMillan

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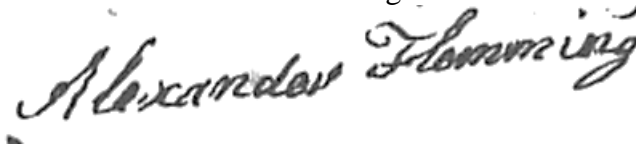
State of South Carolina Kershaw District

Personally appeared Alexander Fleming<sup>1</sup> before me David G Leigh justice of the Quorum, and after having been first duly sworn saith, That he was acquainted with Daniel McMillan in the Revolutionary War against the Kingdom of Great Britain and the aforesaid Daniel McMillan was actually attached to the same Regiment that this deponent was in himself under Colonel Joseph Kershaw on the side of America, But does not recollect how long he served.

Sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832

S/ D. G. Leigh, QU

S/ Alexander Flemming

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander Flemming". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Alexander Flemming".

[Facts in file: in 1835, veteran removed from South Carolina to Warren County Illinois; he refers to his children but none are named in the file; John and William McMillan, were living in Warren County, Illinois, in 1836, but their relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months and 14 days in the South Carolina militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> There is no federal pensioner by this or any similar name among the Revolutionary War pensioners. This may be the only evidence of this veteran's service.