

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Milliken S3609

f11NC[sic, VA]

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State of Tennessee Cocke County

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions the same being a court of Record for the County aforesaid now sitting James Milliken a citizen of Newport in County & State aforesaid aged Seventy-eight 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as hereinafter stated.

He states that he was born as he was informed and as appears from records of which he is in possession on the 19th of August 1754 on board a vessel on her passage from Londonderry in Ireland to Newcastle on this continent.

That he entered the service of the United States on the eighth day of August 1776 as a volunteer under General William Christian in Rockbridge County State of Virginia where he then lived -- and under Major Crockett [Crockett] and Capt. Samuel Wallace, Lieut. Edmonson Ensign Trimble and that he messed with Jonathan Skean, Thomas Cooper, Daniel Fuller and others. That he marched from Rockbridge to the Long islands of Holston [River] and thence to the bend of Nolichucky [River] thence by the Long Island in French Broad [River] to Tuskega [Tuckaseegee ?] in the Cherokee Nation where they rescued Mrs. Bean who had been taken captive in North Carolina -- after which General Christian stipulated with the Cherokees to meet at the Long Islands of Holston where a treaty was to be concluded to which place they then marched and where he was discharged on the 27th of December making a term of four months and 19 days.<sup>1</sup>

He also states that he entered the service of the United States as an enlisted soldier sometime in April 1775 under Felix Walker Lieut. that he enlisted in Washington County in Virginia and was discharged in Washington County North Carolina sometime in May following making one month.

An [And] that afterwards on the 17th of April 1777 he again entered the service of the United States at Robinson's Fort at the Sycamore Shoals on Watauga [River] under command of John McKnob [John McNabb] Capt. Commandant under Col. John Carter where he was stationed to guard the frontiers against the Cherokee Indians and from whence he was discharged about the middle of September following -- at which place he messed with David McKnob

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776\\_TN.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776_TN.html)

[David McNabb], James McKnob [James McNabb] and others, making five months.

And that afterwards in the spring of 1780 he entered service under General Charles McDowell in Washington County NC where he then resided the precise time he does not recollect -- that he marched from thence to South Carolina under Capt. John McNab [McNabb?] And Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Major McDowell [Joseph McDowell] -- against the British & mail contents [sic, malcontents] or Tories, and encamped near Thicketty Creek where they had a skirmish with the British under the command of Dunlap<sup>2</sup> -- in which Christopher Cunningham and Solomon White were taken prisoners from the American Army and Major Smith of Georgia was killed, from which place they marched near to Bickerstaff farm where they had another skirmish, in which the enemy were commanded by he believes by Col. Moore and the Americans by Cols. Shelby, Clark [Elijah Clarke?] and Williamson [Andrew Williamson?]. And after having served seventy days in said State of South Carolina he was discharged at the Cherokee Ford on Broad River about 200 miles from his residence constituting as he supposes to three months service.

Applicant further states that he again entered the service as a volunteer in the State Troops of North Carolina under Col. John Sevier Major John McKnob [John McNabb] Capt. David McKnob [David McNabb]<sup>3</sup> and marched from Washington County NC after the first of September 1781 and joined General Marion [Francis Marion] below Nelson's Ferry on Santee River, from whence they marched to a place called White Oak, from which place said applicant was one of 1000 who marched under Col. Maham [Hezekiah Maham] by order of General Marion to the quarter house 6 miles from Charleston where they took a British outposts of ninety men. He states that in this campaign William Job he recollects was a soldier also William Coleman<sup>4</sup> who is now alive and by whom he expects to prove service. And was discharged at the mouth White Oak Creek on Santee about the 13th of December 1781 having 12 day allowed him to return home, making a term of three months & 25 days.

And that afterwards on the 4th day of August 1788 he again entered the service as Capt. of a draft by order of Col. Daniel Kenedy [Daniel Kennedy], and marched from Greene County North Western Territory where he then resided to the Houston's station on nine mile Creek now in Blount County against the Cherokees and from said station he marched his company to a place called the Orchard on Little Tennessee River where he buried a number of dead who had been killed by the natives when gathering apples -- And was discharged about the 10th of September following whole service one month and 12 days. And that afterwards on the first day of April 1794 he again entered the service by order of Gov. Blount as a volunteer under Lieut. Nathan Veach and served as an Indian spy being stationed alternatively at the Warm Springs and in said the burnt cane brake in the Territory and Huff's station and was discharged the last of May following making two months.

Making in the whole a term equal to 20 months and 26 days. He states that he has no documentary evidence by which to support his claim nor does he now know of any person now living whose testimony he can procure who has personal knowledge of his services except such as he herewith transmits. He states that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any

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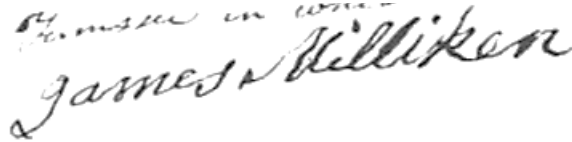
<sup>2</sup> Applicant MAY be referring to the action which occurred on July 30, 1780 between Whig forces commanded by Col. Isaac Shelby and Tory forces under Capt. Patrick Moore. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortthicketty.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_thicketty\\_fort.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thicketty_fort.html)

<sup>3</sup> I think it probable that the officer referred to is [David McNabb W7438](#) whose widow states that her husband served as a Captain from Washington County NC under Gen. McDowell.

<sup>4</sup> [William Coleman S3196](#)

state. He hereby relinquishes all claim to every pension whatever except the present. He states that he has had discharges and other documents but supposes them to have been burnt with his dwelling house some years since. That [he] resides in Newport in Cocke County Tennessee in which County he has chiefly resided since the revolution.

S/ James Milliken

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Milliken". Above the main signature, there is a faint, partially legible phrase that appears to be "S. Milliken in com."

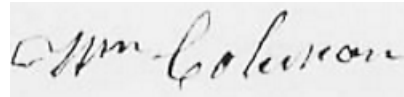
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S/ G. M. Porter, Clerk

[Jacob Fawbion, a clergyman, and John J. Howel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I William Coleman of the County of Cocke and State of Tennessee do hereby certify that James Milliken did serve a three months campaign under Col. John Sevier and others commencing the first of September 1781 as he has stated, and that I was in the same company and that the facts stated by him relevant thereto are true to the best of my recollection.

S/ Wm Coleman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Coleman".

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 28th day of August 1832

S/ G. M. Porter, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$54.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months and 12 days in the Virginia and North Carolina militia.]