

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Miller Childers S37846

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County: May Term 1823

Schedule of property of Miller Childers of the County of Wilkes and State of North Carolina to it

One shot Gun worth four dollars	\$4.00
One Ax worth two dollars	<u>2.00</u>
	\$6.00

Sworn to and declared in open Court this 7th day of May 1823.

S/ Miller Childers, X his mark

Test: S/ R. Martin, C.W. C. C.

State of North Carolina Wilkes County: On this 7th of May 1823 personally appeared in open court being a court of record so known and declared to be by the laws of the State of North Carolina and opened and held as such this day for the County and State aforesaid Miller Childers resident in said County, aged about sixty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Miller Childers enlisted for the term of twelve months on the ___day of September as he believes in the year 1781, in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Charles Gordon in Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong in

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the Line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until the expiration of his term, when he was discharged from service at Salisbury in North Carolina; that he was in the battles of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] and some skirmishes with the Tories on Deep River; the Congaree and Bales Mill on Pedee [River]; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own declaration and the affidavits hereto annexed.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress

entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed –
to wit

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Children having, of age and left me except to wit, Wiley aged 25 years and Salley aged about 30 years. –

Sworn to and declared in open court the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ R. Martin, C. W. C. C.

S/ Miller Childers, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County

On the first day of August 1822 Personally appeared before me John Martin one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid Gabriel Childers, who being first duly sworn according to law deposes and saith that he well recollects the time when Miller Childers entered the service of his Country in the manner described in the foregoing declaration: and also the time when he returned from said service, and that he always understood and believes that he discharged his duty as a Soldier faithfully.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ John Martin, JP

S/ Gabriel Childers, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: on this 23rd day of September A.D. 1824

Personally appeared before me Alexander Hamilton one of the justices for the County aforesaid, Thomas Lay Senior¹ who being first duly sworn, according to law, deposes and saith, that he believes that Miller Childress [sic] enlisted for the term of twelve months, as he states in September 1781, in the State of North Carolina and County of Wilkes in the company commanded by Captain Charles Gordon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong in the line of the State of North Carolina and Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of his term and that he always understood and believes that he discharged his duty as a soldier timely and faithfully.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Alexander Hamilton, JP

S/ Thomas Lay, Senior, X the his mark

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A Schedule of the property of Miller Childress [sic] of Wilkes County NC to wit

one shot gun worth \$4.00

one ax worth 2.00

\$6.00

Sworn to and subscribed this 23rd day of September 1824

S/ Miller Childress, X his mark

S/ Alexander Hamilton, JP

¹ [Thomas Lay W10187](#)

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State of Tennessee Rone [sic, Roane] County: On the 27th day of September 1824 personally appeared before me Thomas Harris, one of the justices for the said County aforesaid William Lay Senior² who being secondly duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that Miller Childress enlisted for the term of twelve months as he thinks in September 1781 in the State of North Carolina and in the County of Wilkes and company commanded by Captain Charles Gordon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong in the line of the State of North Carolina Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of his term and that he always discharged his duty as a soldier truly and faithfully. Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year above written.

S/ Thomas Harris, JP

S/ William Lay

[fn p. 11: appears to be another application filed by this veteran. This application appears to be dated in February 1825 and filed in Wilkes County, NC, but the digital images of it are so compromised that I have not attempted to transcribe it. From what I think I can discern from those digital images, he restates what he stated in his earlier application. I'm reasonably sure he says in this application that he is a farmer by occupation and that his family consists of himself, his wife (age not stated and she is not named), son Wiley, about 26, and daughter Salley, about 32.]

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North Carolina Surry County: This day personally appeared Richard Stokes³ of the County & State aforesaid before me William Slade one of the acting justices of the peace in and for said County and made oath that he was personally acquainted with Miller Childress in the line of the Revolutionary War, and knows that said Childress enlisted about the middle of September 1781 in the company of Captain Charles Gordon of Wilkes County and State of North Carolina and knows that he served as a regular Soldier in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong nine months, and at the expiration of the nine months he Richard Stokes was taken sick and hired a man by the name of Jarrott Crab [?] to take his place for the remainder of his time. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of November A.D. 1824

Test: S/ William Slade, JP

S/ Richard Stokes, X his mark

[fn p. 21: Sarah Vicas gave testimony in Wilkes County North Carolina on May 7th, 1823 that she well remembers Miller Childers entering the service and returning home from service.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 14th January 1823

I certify that the name of Miller Childress does not appear on the musterrolls of the North Carolina Continental line for the Revolutionary war.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing February 7th, 1825, for one year's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

² [William Lay R6213](#)

³ FPA S42026