

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Miles S38219
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Virginia to wit: At a County Court held for Prince Edward County at the courthouse the 17th day of August 1829. –

John Miles filed his declaration with a schedule annexed in order to be placed on the pension list, which is as follows:

State of Virginia County of Prince Edward Sc.

On this 17th day of August 1829, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid; John Miles resident in said County, aged seventy-three 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 first of May 1820. That he the said John Miles enlisted for the term of one year on the ___ day of ___ he believes in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Faulkner [perhaps Ralph Faulkner] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Scott, in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, until the expiration of said term, when he was discharged from the service at Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, that he returned to Amelia County in Virginia and enlisted the same summer, say in 1777 or 1778, for three years in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Booker & afterwards attached to the company commanded by Captain William Buckner, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Stevens [Edward Stevens], in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps for the said term of three years, when he was discharged from the service at Wilmington, during the last enlistment he was in various battles, say at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Stony Point [July 16, 1779]; that in the course of one month after his last discharge he enlisted again for the term of eighteen months, in the state of Virginia, in the company then commanded by Captain Buckner and afterwards by Captain Tarlton Payne in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker (who was killed at Charleston), in the line of the state of Virginia, on Continental establishment, that he was taken prisoner at Charleston and so remained a prisoner, until the expiration of said term of 18 months, that he was exchanged at James Town in Virginia and discharge from the service at Williamsburg in the said state: That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency; and the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension for the first 2 or 3 years he did not know of the law giving a pension, and then he found difficulties in procuring the necessary information and agents to obtain it, that he had lived without aid from his country, though poor, but his present age and infirmities now make it necessary to ask it. 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

viz. one bed worth	\$5.00
5 split bottom chairs worth	1.25
6 plates worth	.50
6 knives and forks worth	1.00
1 handsaw, drawing knife hammer & to chisels	2.00
plow & traces	1.75
2 axes and 2 hoes	2.00
2 small pots	1.25
to planes	<u>.50</u>
	\$15.25

That upon the 18th day of March 1818, he did not, nor has he since, on any land or Negroes, that his personal property then corresponded pretty much with the above schedule, and the only change made since that time in the same, is such as is produced by time in the use of such property. –

He the said John Miles is by occupation a planter and farmer upon a small tract of rented land, his age prevents him from pursuing said business with profit, he having no assistant except his grandson Tilman, mentioned below. His family residing with him is in number 6, including himself, his wife Ann aged about 60 years, one daughter Frances aged about 30 years, one daughter Elizabeth aged about 25 years, and 2 grandchildren Tilman aged about 18 years and Frank aged about 7 years.

S/ John Miles, X his mark

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General Land Office 12 December 1828

It appears from the List of warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia that John Miles a Soldier received a Warrant for 100 acres of land having served 3 years in the Virginia line.

S/ G. W. Graham

[Note: The veteran had filed an earlier application dated April 28, 1829 in which he recites his services almost identically to those set forth above except that he adds that he initially entered the Army in the company of Captain Faulkner in the County of Chesterfield Virginia under then Colonel afterwards General Charles Scott who was afterwards Governor of Kentucky; that he was discharged from his first service in Philadelphia; that he was discharged from his 2nd service in Wilmington Delaware.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 27, 1829, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]