

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Miller S38225

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Virginia Sc.

On this 25 day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges for the General Court of Virginia personally appears Lewis Miller aged 64 years, resident in the County of Shenandoah State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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" that the said Lewis Miller entered in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John McGuire, Colonel Grayson's 16th Virginia Regiment of the said State that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the year 1780 when he was discharged in Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit enclosed.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ H. Holmes

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Shenandoah County Sc.

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, Valentine Miller,¹ and made oath according to law that Lewis Miller a claimant for the United States pension as a Revolutionary Soldier, Served in the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Grayson during the term of 3 years of the Revolutionary Contest between the United States and Great Britain.

Given under my hand this 19th day of May 1818

S/ Jno. Overall

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State of Virginia Shenandoah County SS

On this 9 day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Shenandoah in the State aforesaid Lewis Miller aged 64 years a resident in the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he

¹ MAY be the same man as FPA R7227

served in the Revolutionary War as follows. I enlisted in Captain John McGuire's Company in 1777 in Winchester Virginia that I marched to Dumfries and joined the 16th Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel Grayson on the Continental establishment and that I served 3 years and 9 months and was discharged at Philadelphia and that the date of his Original declaration was on the 25 May 1818 and that his certificate of pension is numbered 15.906. And 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 (my clothing and bedding excepted) one wagon, 5 horses and gears, 2 colts, 17 head of cattle young and old, 17 head of sheep, 23 hogs, 3 shovel plows clevices [?] and single trees, 2 bars hear [?] plows, 1 havers [?], 1 fan & desk, 1 bureau, 2 tables, 3 Dutch ovens, 2 pots, one big cattle, one half dozen knives & forks, one half dozen spoons, some crockery ware, one weaver's loom there is about \$150 due to me I rent a plantation for which I give \$500 a year on which I owe \$700.

S/ Lewis Miller, X his mark

I am a farmer by occupation but am unable to work I have 3 daughters living with me one aged 19 the other 14 and the other 10 who cannot do more than support themselves I have 2 sons living with me but they work for themselves.

Sworn to and declared in open court this 9 day of August 1820

S/ Philip Williams, Clerk

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[State of Ohio Gallia County]

This day personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record for the County of Gallia in the 8th Circuit of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the State of Ohio) Lewis Miller resident in said County, but lately a resident in Shenandoah County State of Virginia, aged sixty-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, the 1st of May 1820 and the 1st of March 1823, that he the said Lewis Miller enlisted for the term of 3 years on or about the first of March 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Macquire [John McGuire] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Grayson or Crayson [William Grayson], being the 16th Regiment on Continental establishment, that he continued in said service until the month of February 1780 when he was discharged from the service at Frederick Town in the State of Maryland, all of which will more fully appear by reference to his former declaration on which he received a pension certificate dated the 25th of November 1819; and 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

One silver watch worth about \$10.00

S/ Lewis Miller, X his mark

And I do further swear that I live with my son-in-law Benjamin Thompson, who lives on a poor piece of rented land, and has a wife and family to support that my daughter Anna about 16 years of age lives with me on the bounty of said Thompson, who is poor and unable to support himself and his own family, that my wife is now dead, and the balance of my children eleven in number are married except Polly; Polly is 19 years of age – that my occupation was that of a farmer, but am not now of ability to pursue that or any other employment for a support in consequence of infirmities arising from old age a broken arm and dislocated shoulder, and I do further state that I am of such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my country –

That since the exhibition of my first scheduled the following changes have taken place in my property

Property contained in former schedule	Names of persons to whom sold	Time of sale	Amount of money or description of property in return
One wagon and team of 5 horses, the cattle in former schedule, and farming utensils – and all my property in said schedule	Lewis & Daniel Miller	1821	The assumption of my debts in Virginia amounting to about the sum of \$750

S/ Lewis Miller, X his mark

[p 16: another application, this one dated June 11, 1827 filed in Shenandoah County Virginia in which the veteran refers to himself as being age 66 years and 10 months. The description of his services is the same as set forth in his previous declarations. This document appears to be an attempt by the veteran and to overcome objections to the disposition of his property in order to bring himself within the terms of the 1820 act as being indigent.]

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Virginia, Shenandoah County SS

On this 5th day of June 1830 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for the said County of Shenandoah personally appeared Lewis Miller who on his oath declare that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain John McGuire in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Grayson in the service of the United States: that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Virginia: that he received a Certificate of that fact, under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War: which certificate on or about the 5th day of March 1830 at or near Jeremiah's Run in the aforesaid County of Shenandoah (in consequence of a fall from his horse into said Run) has lost the said certificate as he verily believes was at the time of the said fall in his hat, which came off his head into the Run and remained there some time.

S/ Lewis Miller, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 25, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 2 years.]