

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Miller S38230

VA

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Virginia Patrick County to wit

At a Court held for the said County at the Courthouse on the 13th day of May one thousand eight hundred and nineteen

This day personally appeared in Court James Miller, and being duly sworn saith that he enlisted in the 10th Regiment of Virginia line on Continental establishment and that he served two years in the said Regiment fully, and the conclusion of the said statement was continued till a subsequent Court. and afterwards to wit at a Court held for said County at the Courthouse the 17th day of March 1820 the said James Miller again appeared in Open Court and being duly sworn states that he enlisted with Captain Henry Garnett [R14340] for 2 years in the aforesaid 10th Regiment of the Virginia line on Continental establishment and that he served the said two years as before mentioned. that he enlisted thereafter immediately with Captain James Quarles [R17254] for three years attached to the 11th Regiment of Virginia regulars on Continental establishment under the command of Colo. Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford S46372] which said 3 years he also served and obtained his discharge but which from an unknown cause to the said James Miller is lost or mislaid. that he now resides in the County of Patrick and state of Virginia aged about sixty four years being infirm and poor and is in need of the support of his Country.

Benjamin Shinault [Benjamin Shenault W6867] being also sworn saith that he served three years in the Continental service with James Miller, first in Pennsylvania at the Valley Forge and afterward at Middlebrook and finally in Petersburg Virginia and at Campden [sic: Camden] South Carolina that he was at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] with the said James Miller and that he was a good and faithful soldier, and that he has abundant reason to believe he is the same James Miller with whom he as aforesaid served.

Captain John Tatum being also sworn saith that he is a neighbor of the said James Miller that he believes he is a man of Truth and good character, resides in the County of Patrick Va and is extremely poor and needy.

John Hughes [John Hughes W18082] also appeared in Court and having been duly sworn saith he was personally acquainted with the above mentioned James Miller who was then a soldier with him in the War of the Revolution, acting himself as sergeant Major that he has a distinct recollection of seeing the said Miller at Petersburg Virginia then on furlough and in Bufords Regiment. that he was with the said Miller for upward of twelve months. that he has every reason to believe that he served upward of five years in the revolution War and that the said James Miller is at present the object of Charity & pity, and therefore certainly deserves the benefit of the Act of Congress in such cases made and provided.

State of Virginia –

Patrick County Sect

On this 18th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County (because possessed of a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceeding, and acting under the authority of state Laws –) James Miller aged sixty four years resident in the said County of Patrick who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows – that he enlisted in the 10th Regiment of Virginia line on Continental establishment and that he served 2 years in the said Regiment fully. that he enlisted with Capt. H. Garnett for 2 years in the aforesaid Regiment of the Virg'a line and that he served the said 2 years as aforesaid. that he enlisted thereafter immediately with Capt James Quarles for 3 years attached to the 11th Regiment of Virg's Regulars on Continental establishment under the command of Colo Bluford which said 3 years he also served and obtained his discharge, but which for some unknown cause to the said James is lost or mislaid, that he now still resides in the County of Patrick and state of Virginia and that he

was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale, or any manner, disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereof so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions 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 he has not nor has any person in Trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. and that he is possessed of the following property to wit. one oven, one grubing hoe, one weeding hoe, one pole ax, one pewter plate, 4 forkes, and 5 knives one chest and 2 chairs and one spinning wheel. and that he is a planter aged & extremely poor infirm and unable to pursue the said occupation. and that there is no person residing with him save his wife, who is also old and infirm –
James hisXmark Miller

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of North Carolina

Surry County personally appeared Benjamin Shenall [sic] before me Golihue Moore one of the acting justices of the peace for said County and made Oath in due form of law that James Miller residenter of Patrick County and State of Virginia did serve in the Revolution war as a regular soldier to his knowledge a space of three years in the Second[?] Virginia Redgiment under Col Bluford Sworn to and Subscribed this 22nd da of December 1830
Benjamin hisXmark Shenall