

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Miller S38950

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South Carolina, Chester District

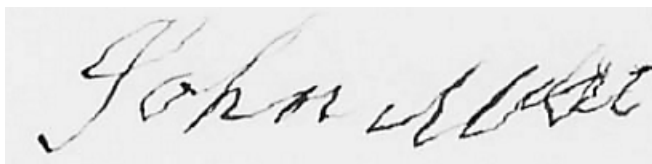
Personally appeared before me Langdon Cheves one of the Associate Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of the State aforesaid, John Miller, of Chester District, in the state aforesaid & make oath, That early in the year 1776, he enlisted as a Sergeant in Captain William Brown's Company, in the Sixth Regiment of the South Carolina line, commanded by Thomas Sumter, at that time, afterwards by Col Henderson [William Henderson] and continued to serve in the said Regiment for about Eighteen months, until he was duly discharged at the Camp near the River Santee. That from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

That before his enlistment aforesaid, he enlisted & served in Thompson's William Thomson's] Rangers for about one year. That after his discharge from the 6th Regiment, he went as adjutant of a Corps of militia to the Southward & served under Genl Williamson [Andrew Williamson] – That he went as Volunteer to Charleston when it was besieged by the British & was taken prisoner there – That he afterwards served as adjutant of Colonel Lacy's [sic, Edward Lacey's] Regiment of militia under Genl Sumter. He afterwards served as first Lieutenant in the State Troops, under Genl Sumter until a little before the peace. That, in short, he was in active service of one kind or another during the whole War. That he was in the Battles of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780], King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], Blackstock's [November 20, 1780], Sumter's Defeat [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780], Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776] & about 20 other smaller skirmishes.

Sworn to before me this 20 July 1818

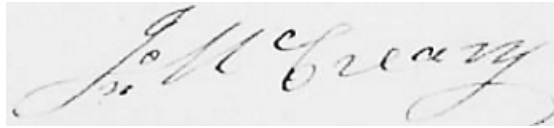
S/ Langdon Cheves

S/ John Miller

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Miller". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

John McCreary being only sworn maketh oath that he knew John Miller during the War of the Revolution & ever since as a resident of Chester District. That he knows him perfectly well. That he knows many & believes all of the facts stated in the foregoing affidavit to be strictly true.

S/ Jn^o McCreary



Sworn to before me this 20th of July 1818
S/ Landon Cheves

James McClintock, Sheriff of Chester District, being only sworn maketh oath that he has known John Miller for upwards of Forty Years & knows many & believes all the facts stated in the affidavit of the said John Miller to be true.

S/ J. McClintock

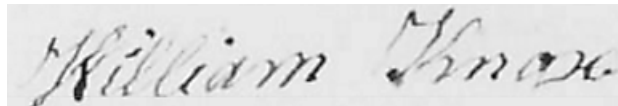
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S/ Langdon Cheves

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William Knox being sworn maketh oath That he knows John Miller. That he enlisted in the 6th Regiment commanded at that time by Thomas Sumter & afterwards by Colonel Henderson early in the year 1776 & continued to serve in the said Regiment for about 18 months when he was discharged at the Camp near the River Santee – this deponent enlisted at the same time, served in the same Company & Regiment & was discharged at the same time.

Sworn before me 20 July 1818
S/ Langdon Cheves

S/ William Knox¹



[p 21: In a letter dated January 25, 1850, reference is made to one Cyrus A. Miller of Mississippi who claims to be a son of the late John Miller.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 20, 1818 for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]

¹ [William Knox S38900](#)