

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Martin Miller S41875

PA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

District of Pennsylvania Ss.

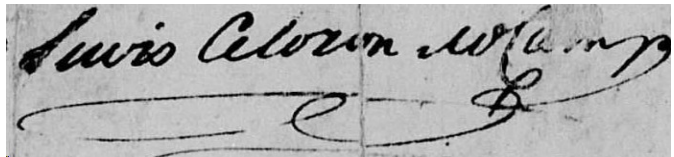
On this twenty fifth day of March 1820, before me, the subscriber one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and quarter Sessions &c &c in and for the County of York in said District, personally appeared Martin Miller of York County, aged about Seventy one years who being by me first duly 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 he the said Martin Miller enlisted for the term of one year on or about the first day of March 1778 in Easton in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Betgen [sic: Henry Bedken] in the Legion Commanded by General Count Pulaski, and that he, this deponent, continued in the service of the said Legion until the first day of September 1779 when he was discharged from service in Charleston in South Carolina and that he was engaged in several skirmishes with the enemy near Charleston aforesaid, and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of assistance from his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his said service except the accompanying Discharge

THIS is to certify, that the bearer Martin Miller Corp [Corporal] in my Legion, has served therein during the term of Eighteen Months and conducted himself as a good and faithful Soldier to the United States. He has therefore liberty to pass and repass at his pleasure.

Charleston, September 1, 1779 By order of General Count Pulaski

[signed Lewis Celoron Aide de Camp;

Paul Louis Celoron, pension application X941]



[The following letter appears to have been folded with the above discharge. Parts are missing at the edge of the page where marked by \*.]

Louisa County [VA] November [page torn]

Dear father/ by A Soldier from the South I take this Opportunity of writing to let you know we Arived here safe after six days close riding Every thing safe about [several illegible words] hartly we and Our friends here are a[\*] well at present we have lately [\*] from [several undeciphered words] no one knows Every thing rises here Dayly Negro fellows sells at £2000 or Upwards but the heavy taxes th[\*] Our Assembly is now laying o[\*] am in hopes will soon bring O[\*] Money to be ag[?] worth som[\*] but [one or two undeciphered words] Ver[y] [illegible word] yrs. &c Jno. Pars[\*]  
Brother James is with us yet after looking about [several undeciphered words]

Pennsylvania

York County Ss.

On this eighth day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court Martin Miller aged seventy one years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his solemn Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: Viz: In Count Pulaski's Legion in Capt. Seleski's [sic: Jan Zielinsky's] Company for the term of one year and six months as will appear by his discharge now lying at the pension Office that the date of his original application for a pension is march 25<sup>th</sup> 1820 and the number of his pension Certificate 16,728. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale

or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 hundred Acres of Barren land lying in York County with a small house and Stable there erected value \$1000, one horse value \$6.00 one Cow \$8.00 four hogs \$8.00 ten Sheep \$10.00 one waggon \$12.00. one plough \$1.00. one harrow \$0.50. one axe \$0.50. one chest \$1.00 six chairs \$3.00. one Table \$1.00; my occupation is that of a labourer I am broken bodied and unable to work; I have one son at home with me aged 11 years, and three daughters two of age, and the other one in her minority; I have been Bail for one Hoffman to the amount of \$800.00 which I am under the necessity of paying.

Sworn to and declared on the eighth day of August 1820

(signed) Martin Miller

[Martin Miller was dropped from the pension list because he was deemed to have too much property (more than \$200 in value). The file contains his 4 Dec 1828 petition to Congress to be restored to the pension list.]

[The following appears after the oath similar to one in the above 1820 application.] viz –

One hundred acres of “Barren land” valued at

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| one thousand dollars say. . | \$1000.00   |
| One Horse valued. . . . .   | 6.00        |
| one Cow valued. . . . .     | 8.00        |
| four Hogs valued. . . . .   | 8.00        |
| Ten Sheep valued. . . . .   | 8.00        |
| one Wagon valued. . . . .   | 10.00       |
| one Plough valued. . . . .  | 1.00        |
| one Harrow valued. . . . .  | 0.50        |
| one Axe valued. . . . .     | 0.50        |
| one chest valued. . . . .   | 1.00        |
| Six chairs valued. . . . .  | 3.00        |
| one Table valued. . . . .   | <u>1.00</u> |
|                             | \$1051.00   |

I am now about Eighty years of age and have been for the last forty five years suffering under a severe rupture of the body. My trade or occupation is that of a Labourer & farmer but I have been unable from my age and bodily infirmities to follow the same for upwards of Ten years I depend on support and for my maintenance on my aged wife now sixty four years of age, and a son aged nineteen years who support and maintain me by their labor on my said lands and by working out among strangers, my said lands are insufficient for the support of myself and wife without the aid of my said son and I have no other income or means of support or maintenance except what it herein stated.

That since the exhibition of my first Schedule the following changes have been made in my property viz – my said lands have since that time been reduced at least 200 dollars in value, by the general depreciation of property, which took place since that time.

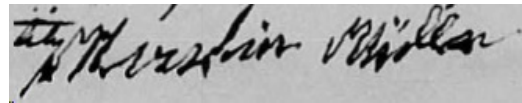
And the personal property in said schedule mentioned have since that time been partly consumed and the other sold or paid to my said son, in consideration of services rendered me and I am at present owner of no personal goods whatsoever.

That I am Bona fide indebted to John Sholl George Nace and David Forney Executors of Matthias Nace late of York County deceased in the sum of \$529 bearing interest from the first day of April 1822 amounting now, with interest to about 730 dollars that the said debt arose from my becoming surety for my son-in-law John Hofman, in a certain bond or obligation dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 1815. (The interest paid

thereon to first April 1822) payable on the first day of April 1818 which said bond or obligation, was given for the payment of part of the purchase money for a certain lot of ground sold to said Hofman by said Executors. That suit was brought by the said Executors, and said bond in the Court of Common Pleas of York County Pa, against said Hofman and myself and Judgment, obtained thereon, against me on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1818, which Judgment still remains open and unsatisfied excepting the interest: which were paid on said bonds up to first April 1822 or aforesaid. That I am liable for payment of the said Judgment and that I have no other means for payment thereof, than those contained in the foregoing schedule. That I am also Bona fide indebted to my son Peter Miller now residing in Ohio, in the sum of \$180.90 the half of a certain Judgment which he the said Peter obtained against me in the aforesaid Court of Common Pleas on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 1823 with interest from the date. This Judgment was granted by me to said Peter, to secure him for my half of the sum of \$361.80, for which the said Peter and myself gave our bond to Christian Wirt as surety for the aforesaid John Hoffman and for which said sum of \$361.80 together with interest thereon, we, the said Peter and myself, are now liable which said Judgment now amounts to the sum of about \$240.00 including the interest and that I have no means to pay the same other than those mentioned in the foregoing schedule. That the yearly income or profits of my lands mentioned in my schedule do not exceed the sum of Forty dollars, and that the same would not rent for more than that sum – which sum would not reach to discharge the annual interests accruing on the Judgments aforesaid. That I am unable to attend personally in court by reason of disease & bodily disability

[signed in German Martin Müller]

[28 Jan 1829]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Müller", written in a cursive script. The signature is contained within a rectangular box.

#### NOTES:

Martin Miller, also listed as Martin Muller, is found on the rolls of Gen. Count Pulaski's Legion (<http://revwarapps.org/b222.pdf>) as a Corporal who enlisted in March 1778 for 18 months.

Martin Miller was restored to the pension roll under an act of Congress passed 3 March 1831.

The file contains documents certifying Miller's debts, character, and poverty, as well as a certificate by Dr. P. Muller, Postmaster at Hanover PA, certifying that he had attended Martin Miller as a physician, and that Miller was too infirm to support himself.

On 19 Oct 1831 Henry Miller stated that his father, Martin Miller, died on 14 June 1831 while residing in Heidelberg Township in York County. An accompanying document certified that Martin Miller's rupture occurred while he was in service, and that he was "about five feet ten inches high."