

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Miller S41876

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[Note: Even though this veteran never mentions having served in the South, he does claim to have served in the Pulaski Legion. Also, the two supporting witnesses both claim to have been with Pulaski. Because the veteran evidenced a great deal of confusion as to the time he served under his various officers and because the 2 supporting witnesses do say they were with Pulaski at the time he was killed in the siege of Savannah, I decided to include this veteran's application in the database on the off chance that he was with Pulaski at Savannah even though he does not claim to have been at Savannah.]

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State of Pennsylvania Bradford County SS

On the 13th day of June 1818 before the Subscriber an associate Judge of the County of Bradford aforesaid Personally came Peter Miller aged sixty years resident in Wysox Township County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision 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 Peter Miller enlisted in Chambersbury [?] Penna. in the month of May 1776 in the flying Camp for six months – was taken Prisoner at Fort Washington – After release at Fort Lee New Jersey he enlisted in a company commanded by Captain __Doyle in the first Regiment of Pennsylvania troops – that he continued in the service of the United States in the said Regiment until the month of January 178? [last digit written over and indecipherable] when he was discharged at White Marsh Pennsylvania from Service – he was in the Battles of Fort Washington, Iron Hills [Cooch's Bridge, DE, Sept. 3, 1777], Brandywine [Sept. 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his Country for Support – that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan Stephens [associate Judge]

S/ Peter Miller, X his mark

District of Pennsylvania Bradford County: SS

On the 13th day of June 1818 before the Subscriber a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Bradford and District aforesaid Personally came Peter Miller aged sixty years resident in Wysox Township in the said County and District who being by me first

duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision 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 Peter Miller enlisted in the month of May 1776 into a Corps called the flying Camp for six months before his time had expired he enlisted in the Continental troops raised by the State of Pennsylvania which he was to join as soon as his time was out in the flying Camp which would be in a few days, being then about the beginning of November 1776 but before his time in that Court had expired he was taken prisoner at Fort Washington [November 16, 1776] in the same month (November) aforesaid that towards Spring of the year 177? [last digit illegible] he was set at liberty on his Parole and in the month of March 1777 he enlisted into and Infantry Company commanded by Captain Segon [Jacques de Segon] attached to a Corps of horse commanded by General Pulaski [Casimir Pulaski] and served in said Corps until March 1778 when he was discharged at York in Pennsylvania having served one year the term for which he Enlisted. After which in the spring of 1781 while he was driving a team for the Army the Sergeant belonging to the Pennsylvania line [paper torn and text missing] he had formerly enlisted as stated in the foregoing came across him and gave Information to the his Captain & Colonel who obliged him to join the Company commanded by Captain Doyle and Regiment commanded by Colonel Chambers being the first Regiment of the Continental troops on the Pennsylvania line in which he served until he had completed the three years for which he first enlisted counting the time of his imprisonment when he was discharged at White marsh Pennsylvania he thinks in January 178? [last digit illegible] – and that being a European & having no permanent Settlement in that part of Pennsylvania where he enlisted he has been absent from all his former acquaintances more than thirty-eight years he does not know that any person is now living with whom he served in the said first Regiment & if they are – does not know where to find them; and that he was in the Battles of Fort Washington, Iron Hill [Battle of Cooch's Bridge, DE, Sept. 3, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 11, 1777] 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 in his Power of his said services.

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid [several indecipherable words] the 19th day of August 1819 and again sworn to the foregoing facts.

S/ Jonathan Stephens

S/ Peter Miller, X his mark

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On this 19 day of August 1819 before may the Subscriber Judge of the aforesaid Personally came James Rolls¹ a disinterested Witness who being duly sworn according to law by me doth depose and say that he was a Soldier in Captain Segon's Company of Infantry in a Corps of horse commanded by count Pulaski that he in the year 1777 and 1778 was acquainted with Peter Miller the applicant named in the annexed Application and that he said Miller was an enlisted soldier in the same Company for one-year and served in it from about the middle of March 1777 to about the same time in the month of March 1778 and that the said Company was a Company of Light Infantry annexed to the said Corps of horse under the Command of the said Count or General Pulaski – that the said Peter Miller did duty as a soldier part of the said term and part of the time he was taken to drive a Baggage wagon – which accompanied the said Corps.

¹ [James Rolls R8968](#)

S/ James Rolls, X his mark

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State of Pennsylvania Bradford County SS

Before the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Bradford personally came John Schrader² a disinterested witness who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that sometime in the summer of 1777 or 1778 he cannot recollect which he saw the said Peter Miller named in the annexed application – he was then driving a team attached to the Army and was conveying munitions [?] for that part of the American Army known as Pulaski's Corps – that the Deponent was a Quarter Master in said Corps commanded by the said Pulaski and that he cannot tell whether he the said Miller was an enlisted soldier or a Waggoner.

S/ John Schrader

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Schrader". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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Peter Miller is a German by birth and has [no?] education & probably at the time of his enlistment understood but little English this Circumstance appologise [apologizes] in some degree for incorrectness of his dates in his first Declaration which he has endeavored to amend in his second – he resides about 180 miles from the place where he resided when he joined the Army he has no home and cannot walk by reason of bodily infirmity (badly ruptured) his Wife is Blind & has no children to assist her and they are not able to hire [?] – in this situation Miller is confined at home except as necessity drives him out to procure subsistence from those only who feel Charitably disposed. It is impossible for him to look for witnesses far from home = When Mr. Rolls made his Declaration he accidentally mentioned that he knew Miller – he lives 35 miles from Miller & I believe had not seen him until he came to make his Deposition.

Rolls is an Englishman was badly wounded at or near Cape May in the year 1777 the scar of which centered the brow [? bone?] over his right eye and is remarkably visible was Described by Miller previous to their meeting at this time.

S/ J. Stevens [the JP who took the application and depositions of the witnesses

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District of Pennsylvania Bradford County: SS

On this 11th day of September 1820 Personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas being a Court of Record holden at Meansville in and for the said County of Bradford in the State of Pennsylvania Peter Miller aged sixty-five years Resident in ~~Bradford~~ the said County of Bradford and State of Pennsylvania aforesaid 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 at Chambers Town in Pennsylvania into a Corps called the flying Camp in which he served until sometime in the month of November 1776 when he was taken Prisoner by the British at the capture of Fort Washington. A few days previous to the surrender of Fort Washington he enlisted into Captain Doyle's Company of the 1st Regiment commanded by Colonel Chambers of the

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Pennsylvania line on the Continental establishment for 3 years but had not joined the Regiment before he was taken Prisoner sometimes towards the spring of the year 1777 he liberated by the British on Parole and he returned to Lancaster in the said State of Pennsylvania where supposing himself clear from his former enlistment in the first Regiment he enlisted at Lancaster aforesaid in a Company of Infantry attached to count Pulaski's Corps for one-year where he served until the spring of 1778 when he was discharged at little York but still kept with the said Corps & drove a wagon shortly after which meeting with an officer of the 1st Regiment of Pennsylvania aforesaid he was remanded by his Captain (Doyle aforesaid) and compelled to serve in the said Regiment until November 1779 when he was discharged at White Marsh in Pennsylvania. And that on the 13th day of June 1778 under the act of Congress passed the 18th day of March 1818 he made application for the provision thereof and received a Certificate of Pension dated the 18th day of September 1819 Numbered 15035 (or 14038) And the said Peter Miller 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

Schedule

one Cow some [?] & one Sheep	one Earthen Tea Pot
one Axe & one old hoe	4 Cups & Saucers
two Iron Potts & Broke Kittle & a Spider	1 Earthen Bowl & Three Plates
Two Water Pails	

Names Ages Occupation & a [indecipherable word or words] &c of my Family
Myself Peter Miller aged sixty-five years labor Ruptured & unable to labor
My Wife Aisah [?] ³Miller aged sixty-four Blind & otherwise infirm.
Sworn & subscribed this 11th day of [indecipherable] A.D. 1820

S/ George Scott, Prot.

S/ Peter Miller, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 13, 1818, for service for one-year as a private in the Pennsylvania Continental line.]