

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Miller S4210

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: SS

On this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1834 personally appeared before me Isaac Vanbibber an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County of Claiborne, James Miller aged eighty-five years, And at the dwelling house of him the said James Miller, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered in Captain Jacob Rinker's company of Militia from Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia in the month of October or November 1780 and served five months. George Rinker was first Lieutenant and Joseph Keller was second Lieutenant the Ensign's name not remembered. Rendezvoused at Millerstown sometimes called Woodstock Colonel Butler commanded the Regiment from Millerstown were marched to Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina from thence to the Cheraw Hills near to Pedee River in the State of South Carolina where we joined the main Army, Under the Command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] who commanded the Regulars and General Stephens [Edward Stevens] who commanded the Militia. After being stationed at the Cheraw Hills for some time we were marched to Guilford in the State of North Carolina where we met the British Army under the command of Lord Cornwallis and After a severe engagement [March 15, 1781], the American Army was defeated. After the Battle we were marched to Albemarle Barracks in the State of Virginia from there home to Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia. He received a discharge for five months service signed by Captain Jacob Rinker – In the month of May To wit in the month of May 1781, He again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for three months in Captain William Reagan's company of Militia in the place of a certain John Hash. We were marched to Winchester barracks in Virginia where we were stationed during the three months engaged in guarding the prisoners: Colonel John Nethington [John Netherton or Nethaton] had command at the Barracks during the time said applicant was stationed there. Applicant recollects General Morgan and also recollects that there was a number of prisoners brought to the Cheraw Hills while the troops were stationed there, that it was said was taken by General Morgan at Campden [Camden?] or 96. He states that he also received a discharge signed by Captain Reagan for the 3 months tour of duty last spoken of making altogether 8 months service in the militia during the Revolutionary War called into service of the United States by legal Authority. He states that he left his discharges with his mother who was a widow when he left Virginia in order that she might get the pay that was due to him for his services, but he understood afterwards that she never got anything. His discharges he never saw afterwards. He supposes they were lost –

He states that he was born in Baltimore County Maryland 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1748. That he

has no record of his age at this time. That he was living when called into service in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia. That since the Revolutionary War he has lived a part of his time in Virginia and a part in Tennessee he now lives in Claiborne County in the State of Tennessee. That he first entered the service as a volunteer, and secondly as a substitute as stated in the foregoing part of his declaration. The general circumstances of his service he has stated in the declaration and also the Officers who commanded as well as his recollection now serves him. That from old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot remember distinctly all the circumstances that transpired at that time. He received a discharge for each tour of duty but they are lost as stated in the foregoing part of his declaration. He refers to Major Lea, Thomas Lea, Robert Gibson Esquire, Daniel Sowder, Sebastian Graves and his neighbors and acquaintances generally for his character for veracity and truth. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. He knows of no person in this country by whom he can prove [his] services, nor has he documentary evidence of the fact. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Isaac Vanbebber

S/ James Miller, X his mark

[Thomas Marsee, a clergyman, and Joshua Marsee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 26, 1841 survived by a widow (not named in the file documents); there is no reference to any children in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]