

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Killough S4475

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State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

On this 23rd day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Henry Trott, James C. Mitchell, V. D. Cowan the justices of said Court, now sitting, Samuel Killough a resident of the County and State above mentioned, aged 69 years the 10th day of September 1832, who being first duly 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was drafted in Chester County South Carolina being between 17 & 18 years of age where he lived from infancy, a short time, say two months previous to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York [Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown on October 19, 1781] as well as he remembers in the Fall of 1781, Captain Charles Miles, took command of the men, and marched them 12 or 14 miles from Winnsboro: on the Main road leading from Chester County to Charleston. Here he was turned back with Captain Miles' Company by order of Colonel Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] with some prisoners, with whom he returned, and was employed in guarding in Chester County on the waters of Turkey Creek; here Captain Miles' company was discharged; the applicant having served nearly three months. The fall after the surrender of Cornwallis the applicant's father removed to Wilkes County Georgia; here he volunteered as an Indian spy under Colonel John Clarke, he and John Ramy were employed to range from the Big Shoals on the Oconee [River] to the high Shoals on the Appalachia [sic, Apalachee] Rivers down to their Junction; this country was entirely a wilderness and they came in about once in 6 or 10 days, to the Fort called Read's where they were employed in this service a man by the name of Culp had his horses stolen, and the brother-in-law of Culp, Mr. Ward, was killed in the fork of the rivers, having gone there to pasture his cattle. They frequently saw signs of Indians and raised men and went in pursuit of the Indians, but never overtook any company of them -- his father moved to Georgia in the fall of 1782 in October, as well as he remembers, about a week after which he volunteered as an Indian spy and served about nine months. The applicant has no discharge or other proof of service in his possession nor does he know of any individual now alive, by whom he can make proof of his services. His father's Bible contains the record of his age now in possession of his son Isaac, who lives in Alabama near Ellinton [sic, Allenton] -- he took a copy of it in his own Bible. He lived in Georgia until 1806 when he moved to Rutherford County where he has lived ever since. Colonel Robert Jetton, Dr. James Maney, Mr. Wendel, Jonathan Currin, William Mitchell, Sr., Capt. David Williams are his neighbors who can testify to his

character for veracity.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court August 23, 1832

S/ Samuel Killough, X his mark

S/ J. R. Laughlin, Clk.

[William Eagleton, a clergyman, and James C. Mitchell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Amendment

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace of Rutherford County, Tennessee Samuel Killough, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot positively swear as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served under Captain Miles for a period of time if less than three months it was not more than 6 or 8 days less; This service commenced in the August previous to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He did not hold any commission in that service. In 1782 in the month of October, his father moved to Georgia in the latter part of the above months, he volunteered as an Indian spy in which service he was engaged 9 months; He has no papers to show his service under Captain Miles, having lost his discharge nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can make proof of that service. Of his service in Georgia as an Indian spy (if that service is within the contemplation of the Act of June 1832, of which he wishes to be informed) he has no proof besides that already adduced. He never received any written discharge from service as a spy, & knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service as such. Applicant was drafted under Captain Miles, & served as a volunteer as an Indian spy.

S/ Geo. A. Sublett, JP

S/ Samuel Killough, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$39.12 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months and 22 days in the Georgia and South Carolina militias.]