

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Miller S7228

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State of Georgia County of Jackson } SS

On this tenth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Inferior Court of said County & State, (being a Court of record) now sitting William Miller a resident of the County of Jackson & State of Georgia aged 71 years 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 & served as herein stated: viz.: --

He entered the service at about the age of sixteen years (as well as he recollects) in Anson County North Carolina under the Command of Capt. Theodorick Webb, who raised a volunteer Company by Command of Col. Thomas Wade. So soon as sufficient force was raised amounting to about 400 men Col. Wade marched us across the Pedee [River] in order to keep down a Tory Col. by the name of Fannin [sic, David Fanning] who at times was very strong in that section of the Country. We encountered him at a place called Beatties bridge [sic, Beatti's Bridge]¹ on drowning Creek [Drowning Creek] but were compelled to retreat with the loss of a number of our men -- at this engagement one McNeil [Hector McNeill] a Scotchman & Colonel Commanding the Tories was acting [?] with Fanning above named. After this battle we were disbanded and went home -- and almost immediately on my arrival home I was drafted to serve under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] but not being able to go I employed a substitute who served out the Tour. I was shortly afterwards chosen as a minute man to act under the same Capt. Webb, & with orders to be almost ready at a minute's warning to go whenever called on. During this service I was called on a number of times, perhaps twenty, to aid in dispersing various bands & collections of Tories and so constant were the calls that I was unable scarcely to do anything else. Among the number of Companies of Tories which I aided in dispersing were the following -- one at Wawhub's Mills [Wahabs?]² in what was called the Waxhaw settlement I think in Mecklenburg County NC -- another on Brown's Creek in the edge of South Carolina being about the head of said Creek. Another on Richardson's Creek in Anson County North Carolina. Another about the line of North & South Carolina at Thompson's Creek -- & many others -- These bands would collect together for the purpose of selecting officers & forming themselves to put down the Whigs -- I continued as a minute man near about two years & should

¹ August 4, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm>. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810804.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_beattis_bridge.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wahabs_plantation.html

have continued longer but from great exposure in the service I took the white swelling in my knee & thigh & was compelled to lie up for a long time, at least a year & never performed any service afterwards -- the physicians who attended me Drs. Alexander & Brown of Camden South Carolina to whom I had gone a long ways in order to place myself under those who had the reputation of being skillful always told me that my complaint arose from cold & exposure.

The first tour I performed was about six months as well as I recollect.

He answers to the questions propounded by the Department as follows --

1st I was born on Drowning Creek North Carolina on the __ day of __ 1761.

2nd I have a record of the year in which I was born given me by my father in a family Bible --

3. When first called into service I lived in Anson County North Carolina -- after the war I resided eight while in Lancaster County South Carolina; then in Washington County Georgia or afterwards Greene County Georgia & for the last 30 years in this County in Jackson County Georgia.

4. I volunteered first, was afterwards drafted & substituted -- & afterwards chosen as a minute man. I never was a substitute for anybody.

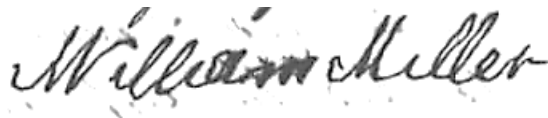
5. I never knew any regular officers or regiments as the service I performed was entirely in the Militia and disconnected with the operation of the regular Army.

6. I think I received a discharge from Capt. Webb but have long since lost or destroyed

7. Francis Hobson, Edward A. Evans, Horatio Webb, Sylvania Ripley, George Leonard I have no documentary proof by which I can establish my claim nor is there any person living nearer than the further side of South Carolina by whom I can prove it. I have no claim other than this to any pension or annuity nor is my name on the rolls of any State agency.

Sworn to & subscribed this 10th day of November 1832

S/ William Miller



S/ Robert Southwick, JIC

S/ Joseph Hampton, JIC

S/ [illegible] J. Brown, JIC

[William Penticost, a clergyman, and Horatio Webb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Jackson County

On this third day of June 1833, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Justices of the Inferior Court sitting as a Court of Ordinary, being a Court of Record, & now sitting, William Miller a resident of said County of Jackson & State aforesaid, aged Seventy-two years, 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated:

His first service was as a volunteer in the Army of the United States in the County of Anson, State of North Carolina in the month of August 1778 as a private in Capt. Webb's company belonging to Col. Wade's Regiment & served under said officers a tour of three months.

Second Service. He was drafted in the month of November of the same year under the command of Capt. Webb for a tour of six months most of which time they were stationed near Raleigh, North Carolina, which service being fully completed he commenced his

Third Service, in the month of May 1779 by volunteering under the command of Capt. James White for three months, they were stationed a part of the time on Pedee [River], from thence they marched to Drowning Creek & were there attached to Col. Wade's Regiment, at Batie's Bridge [sic, Beatti's Bridge] on said Creek where they met a large party of Tories commanded by Col. McNeal [Hector McNeill] & Fanning & after a warm contest of about an hour the Americans were compelled to retreat with considerable loss. Capt. James White was among the slain. At the close of this tour, which was faithfully performed the Tories were committing so many ravages in different parts that he was induced immediately to volunteer, which constituted his fourth Service, under the command of Capt. Jemmison [probably David Jamieson], for three months longer during the whole of which time he was in constant service but no engagement worthy of note occurred. Immediately after the close of this last service under Col. [sic] Jemmison, which ended in the last of November he entered upon his Fifth & last Service as a volunteer in a company of minute men commanded by Capt. Patrick Bogan [Patrick Boggan] in which Service he continued constantly employed for 12 months to the close of the year 1780. Which five tours of service United make 27 months in which he was actually & constantly employed.

To the seven questions propounded by the regulations of the War Department he answers to the

1st He was born in Anson County, North Carolina in the year 1760.

2nd I have an extract from the family record kept in a Book

3rd I was living in Anson County, North Carolina when called into the Service, where I lived for some time after the Revolutionary war & then moved to where I now live, in Jackson County Georgia, for the last 33 years.

4. My whole service was performed, with the exception of once drafted, as a volunteer. I was never a Substitute for anyone.

5. I have stated all the officers & the service that came with any degree of certainty, within my recollection.

6. I do not recollect if I did it is lost or mislaid.

7th He states the names of ___

He has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & especially he returns & relinquishes a certificate which he has received lately under the act of June 7th 1832 in the granting of which manifest, though he has no doubt, unintentional injustice has been done him in allowing only a small part of the time he was engaged in service, instead of that which would have entitled him to a full pension. He therefore prefers to surrender back the Certificate & to obviate, by a new declaration, the objections which prevented him from the full benefit of the law. He declares he is name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Adams, JIC

S/ William Miller

S/ Nathaniel C. Jarrett JIC

S/ Samuel Burns, JIC

[John Pendergrass, a clergyman, and Horatio Webb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 3: In November 1838, veteran applied to have his pension payments transferred to be payable

in Noxubee County, Mississippi to which he had removed for the following reasons: "... because the most of his children had removed to the State of Mississippi in order to procure land that was more fresh & fertile than they had in the State of Georgia, & he wished to live with his children during the remnant of his life & consequently removed with them to the State of Mississippi.”]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia.]