

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements &  
Rosters**

Revolutionary War Pension Application of Milbea Musselwhite S7258  
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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of  
the act of CongreSs passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

State of North Carolina )  
Robeson County - (

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our  
Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty three  
personally appeared in open Court, before Shadrack Howell  
James Storm and William Townsend the Court of Pleas  
and Quarter Sessions of Robeson County, now sitting  
Milbea MuSselwhite a resident of Robeson County  
State of North Carolina, aged Eighty two years, who  
being first duly Sworn, according to law, doth on his  
oath, make thie following declaration, in order to  
obtain the benefit of the Act of CongreSs passed 7<sup>th</sup> June  
1832 (Viz)

That he volunteered for three months, in the Service  
of the United states as a Malitia man in the County of  
Bladen North Carolina, under the command of Col  
Thomas Brown, and Captain Nathaniel Richardson,  
to go in pursuit of the Tories near Fayetteville North Carolina,  
the tories were defeated by General Caswell at the widow  
Moore's creek, and the Regiment to which he was  
attached was discharged until further orders –

2<sup>nd</sup> That he again Volunteered for a term of three months  
in the Service of the United States, as a Malitia man  
under the command of Col Thomas Brown or Col  
Thomas Robeson the Regiment to which he was attac  
hed was commanded often by Col Thomas Brown

[Note inserted by Will Graves: There are pages missing from this application at this point. I have looked in other likely files where the missing pages may have been misfiled, but have not located them.]

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3d Questions by the Court where were living when  
Called into Service, where have you lived since,

the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live –

Answer. I lived in Bladen County, North Carolina when called into Service, and have and still continue to live there (that is to say that part which is now called Robeson County) ever since the Revolutionary war-

4<sup>th</sup> Question by the Court – How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute if a Substitute, for whom –

Answer. I was drafted for the six months Tour, in the rest of my tours I was a volunteer –

5<sup>th</sup> Question by the Court. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops when you served, such, continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service –

Answer – I knew General Rutherford when I was Attached to his regiment near Cheraw South Carolina I knew Colonel Thomas Brown + Colonel Thomas Robenson of Bladen County North Carolina I was well acquainted with the Militia Captains with whom I served during my revolutionary tours viz Capts Nathan Richardson, Captn John Ellis, Captn Peter Robeson and others –

Sixth Question By the Court. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service + if so by whom was it given + what has become of it

Answer I was in every instance verbally discharged

Seventh Question by the Court. State the names of some of the

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person to whom You are known in Your present neighborhood and who can testify as to Your character for veracity and their believe of Your Services as a Soldier of the revolution

Answer I know of no person living who served with me in the revolutionary war nor have I any documentary evidence nor can I prove by the direct testimony of any person my services as a soldier of the revolution.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter + after putting the interogatories prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and Served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Joseph Regan + James Smith who have Signed the preceeding certificate are residents in the County of Robeson State of North Carolina that they are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

Jas Storm J.P.  
Sdh Howell J.P.  
Wm. Townsend J.P.

I Archibald McEachin Clerk of the Court of Pleas + quarter Sessions of Robeson County North Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Milbea Musselwhite to for a Pension In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand + Seal of office this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February Anno Domino

A McEachin Clk

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Supplemented by Will Graves 10/14/17

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]