

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Miller W18512

Barbara Miller

f45VA

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County of Fayette Pennsylvania SS

On this 4th day of October 1819 before me, a subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said district, personally appeared Daniel Miller aged 64 years, resident in said County in said 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 Daniel Miller enlisted for the term of 3 years or the war on the ___ day of September or October of the year 1778 in Winchester in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by John Wats [John Watts] lite Hors [Light Horse] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bland [Theodorick Bland], White & Washington in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the taking of Cornwallis 81 [October 19, 1781] when he was discharged from service in Richmond state of Virginia that he was in the battles of Eutawh Springs [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Savannah, Gilferd Cort House [Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781], Monks Corner [Moncks Corner, May 6, 1780] and skirmishes 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 now in his power of his said services.

S/ Daniel Miller



The aforesaid Daniel Miller being sworn according to law deposeth that on the 15th or 18th of April in the year 1818 he made out his application for pension and had it certified by Samuel Roberts presiding judge of the 5th Judicial District of the courts of Common Pleas for the State of Pennsylvania and directed to the war Department together with my discharge or certificate and Captain Askridge's depositions proving my service and which Mr. Samuel Smith informs me never came to hand.

S/ Daniel Miller

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Fayette County in the State of Pennsylvania: SS: In the 14th Judicial district

On this 4th day of September personally appeared in open Court at a court of Common Pleas of the 14th Judicial district of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania it being a court of record in open court Daniel Miller aged sixty-five years residing in the County of Fayette in the said

district who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. From sometime in the year 1780 till the close of the war in Captain John Watts troop under command of Colonel William Washington in the Virginia line that the date of my original declaration 12th day of April 1820 & number of certificate No. 16684. And I 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 viz. one old mare – one cow – one oven, one pot and trammel, one pair of pit metal andirons, four knives and forks – two spoons – value at \$40 in all.

That I am by occupation a Taylor [sic] but am not able to follow it, and that he has one widow daughter and 4 children of hers living with him and that all of the children are small the oldest about 6 years old and that he has a wife aged 61 named Barbara Sworn to and subscribed on the 4th day of September 1820 in open court

S/Daniel Miller

Daniel Miller

[p 6: copy of an order for the Military Land Warrant No. 6274 issued by the state of Virginia for 100 acres of land for Daniel Miller.]

[p 22: on April 30, 1824 in Frederick County Virginia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Virginia agency saying that he had moved from Pennsylvania to Virginia with the intention of remaining in Virginia.]

[p 15: On October 22, 1838 in Frederick County Virginia, Barbara Miller, a resident of Winchester, Frederick County Virginia, aged 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Daniel Miller; that she was married to him immediately after the revolution in Winchester Virginia; that their eldest son is now 54 years of age; that her husband died November 24, 1825. She signed her application with her mark.]

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There is on file a German prayer book, title page missing, which contains the following family data, for which claim relationships not stated

Presley Miller was born January 18, 1785

Elizabeth Miller was born July 15, 1787

Polley Miller was born February 9, 1790

Morgan Alexander Miller was born July 2, 1792

Lenerdy Miller was born November 31, 1794 (or 1795)?

Jacklein Miller was born September 3, 1797

Thomas Jeferson Miller was born September 6, 1803

Evelinar Semer Miller was born [indcipherable] 7, 1805

Alphard Miller was born November 16, 1806

[p 38: William Seemer, . 56, in July 1839 gave testimony that he is acquainted with Presley Miller son of Daniel and Barbara Miller; that affiant married Elizabeth, sister of Presley October 1, 1804 when affiant was in his 22nd year of age and Elizabeth was in her 18th year.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 18, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her said husband service for 2 years as a Dragoon in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that Daniel Miller served in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons 3 years. Given under my hand this 23rd day of July, 1810.

S/ John Watts, formerly a Captain in said Regiment

[From: [digitalcollections of the Library of Virginia](#) /State Archives
Collections/ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Winchester (City) Legislative Petitions]

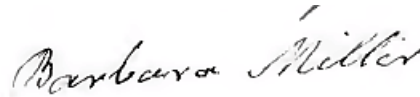
To the Senate and House of Delegates of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The petition of Barbara Miller widow and relic of Daniel Miller deceased humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioner's husband Daniel Miller deceased was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, and served in Lee's Legion [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Legion] and under Col. Washington [William Washington] and General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] – that your petitioner's said husband was a poor man, and towards the close of his life was infirm and depended for his support upon a pension of ninety-six dollars per annum which was granted to him by the government of the United States. This pension ceasing at his death left your petitioner at an advanced age destitute of the means of support.

Your petitioner as well as her late husband having been born in Virginia, she humbly casts herself upon the bounty of the Legislature of her native State, and prays that she may be allowed a pension as the widow of a departed Soldier of the revolution, to such an amount as its wisdom may deem just, as a support for her during the short period of her declining years. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Winchester November 1833

S/ Barbara Miller



December 6th 1833

[indecipherable scribble]

Referred to Claims

1834 January 20th Rejected

23rd Reported

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette: SS

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County of Fayette James Grigg and Jacob Ott and being duly qualified say that they in each of them was well acquainted with Daniel Miller Deceased late a soldier in the Army of the Revolutionary war on Continental establishment as they believe and that the said Daniel Miller left a Widow named Barbrey which they always considered the lawful wife of said Daniel Miller

Sworn and subscribed the 29th day of April 1833 before me

S/ James [scribble], JP

S/ James Grigg

S/ Jacob Ott

Also appeared Samuel Smith Esq. and deposeeth that he was acquainted with Daniel Mills [sic] Deceased late in Capt. Watson's Company of Col. Washington's Regiment of Lee's Legion of the Virginia line on Continental establishment in the revolutionary war as he believes – and that he obtained the said Daniel Miller a pension from the United States under an act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 ninety-six dollars per year and that the said Daniel Miller also received a Warrant for Land from the State of Virginia which is located in Highland County Ohio – and that he was acquainted with the said Daniel Miller for about 30 years past and that Barbrey Miller was always considered his (Miller's) lawful wife.

Affirmed this 29th day of April 1833 before me

S/ James [scribble] JP

S/ S. Smith