

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Miller W18516

Ann Miller

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State of Virginia Town of Williamsburg: to wit

On this the 5th day of August 1837 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the Town of Williamsburg aforesaid Ann Miller aged seventy-three years a resident of said Town of Williamsburg and State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of the late Lieutenant David Miller who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia line upon Continental establishment and served as such during the whole revolutionary war except whilst on furlough. She is though to give the names of his officers as also the different parts of the country through which he marched unable having lost all the papers which would have thrown any light upon the subject, yet she believes he was at different periods of the war in the North as well as South. She further declares that she was married to the said David Miller about the end of the year 1780 (the precise date she cannot state the family Bible having been destroyed by fire) that her husband died in July 1798 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by the proof accompanying this.

S/ Ann Miller



[p 8: On May 17, 1827 in Fayette County Ohio, Ezekiel S Eastman & Martha Eastman his wife late Martha Baskerville, [sic] one of the 'heiresses at law of David Miller' filed a power of attorney in which they state that they have never drawn the bounty land due David Miller as a Lieutenant in the Virginia line. Their signatures all very faint and I did not attempt to copy them.]

[p 10: On March 28, 1828 in Madison County Ohio, Samuel Baskerville gave testimony that Martha Eastman late Martha Baskerville and Mary K Baskerville of Chillicothe all the nieces and heirs of David Miller late a Lieutenant of the Virginia line; that David Miller had neither wife child brother sister or nephew living and that Martha Eastman and Mary K Baskerville are the lawful heirs of David Miller.



[p 26: On November 2, 1837 in New Kent County Virginia, Burwell Bassett¹ gave testimony that he has long been acquainted with Mrs. Ann Miller, widow of Lieutenant David Miller; that he does not remember the precise time of their marriage but that when he, affiant, left Williamsburg in 1779 she was not married to him but when he returned in 1782, David and Ann Miller were living together as man and wife.]

[p. 47: On August 30, 1837 in Richmond Virginia, Mrs. Mary Richard gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Ann Craig who sometime before the end of the Revolution married David Miller an officer in said war; that they were married in Williamsburg Virginia and that the widow is still living there.]

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I hereby Certify that it appears from an arrangement of the Continental Army of the Revolution made by a Board of Officers who sat at Chesterfield Court House on the 10th February 1781 that Lieutenant David Miller was attached to the 3rd Regiment.

I further certify that it appears from another Arrangement of said Army made by a Board of Officers who sat at Winchester on the 6th May 1782 – That the said Lieutenant David Miller was still attached to the 3rd Regiment.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 27th day of September 1837
S/ A. Wm Morton, Clk. acting in the absence of the Auditor

Note: facts in file: the widow died December 17, 1844, place not stated; there is no other family data in this file. As far as I found, there was no attempt to reconcile the statements made the members of the Baskerville family in the late 1820s with the claim of the widow.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line.]

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

We do certify that Lieutenant David Miller of 3rd Virginia Continental Regiment has been constantly in service from 21st of January 1776 killed this present time. April 7th 1783

S/ William Lewis, Major

S/ Daniel Morgan, Brigadier General

¹ BASSETT, Burwell, a Representative from Virginia; born in New Kent County, Va., March 18, 1764; attended the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; member of the State house of delegates 1787-1789; served in the State senate 1794-1805; unsuccessfully contested the election of John Clopton to the Fourth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Ninth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1805-March 3, 1813); chairman, Committee on Claims (Twelfth Congress), Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business (Twelfth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1812 to the Thirteenth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1819); again a member of the State house of delegates 1819-1821; elected as a Republican to the Seventeenth Congress, as a Crawford Republican to the Eighteenth Congress, and a Jacksonian to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1829); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1828 to the Twenty-first Congress; died in New Kent County, Va., February 26, 1841. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=B000224>

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