

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Miller ¹ W25707

Pernina Miller

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State of Tennessee County of Jackson

On this 12th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before William P. Hampton, John Welch, Welcome Butler & Jonas Griffith Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County of Jackson now sitting Henry Miller a resident of the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee aforesaid aged 73 years of age last January 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 in Rowan County State of North Carolina where he then resided in July 1779, the day of the month not recollected, as a volunteer under Capt. Moore [Robert Moore], Lieut. & Ensign not recollected and joined the Regiment commanded by Col. Locke [Francis Locke] a militia Col. under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the same County. He volunteered for no definite period, to go an expedition against the Cherokee Indians;² He marched under said officers to the head of Catawba River then up the French Broad River across Lytle & Big Pigeon rivers across the Hiwassee River to the Cherokee towns which were evacuated except by a few skulking Indians. General Rutherford command consisted of about 3000 men all militia after the Army arrived in the Cherokee nation and found the towns evacuated -- the Army was divided into two divisions one division to remain in nation and the other division to go against the Overhill towns were also evacuated and the troops returned to the Cherokee nation and joined their comrades and returned home under General Rutherford when in October 1779 Applicant was verbally discharged by his Capt. Moore. During said term Applicant served three months as a private in the United States service.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States about five miles from Lexington State of Kentucky, he does not recollect the name of the County, where he then resided about the last of April 1782 as a volunteer under Col. Clark [George Rogers Clark] to guard the falls of Ohio while a Fort and boat was being built there. There was no Capt. or other officer except Col. Clark as applicant recollects, the party consisting only about 20 men. Applicant remained in the service two months was verbally discharged by Col. Clark about the first of July 1782.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States at Harrodsburg State of Kentucky where he then resided then called Harrods Station as a substitute for a man whose name is not recollected -- for two months under Col. Clark to guard the falls of Ohio as above stated no other

¹ BLWt34809-160-55

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

officer as is believed the party consisting of about 20 men Applicant served out his full term of two months and was verbally discharged by Col. Clark in September 1782 the day of the month when he entered the service and when he left the same is not recollected.

Applicant still residing at Harrods Stationed now Harrodsburg Kentucky again entered the service of the United States in September 1782 for two months as a substitute for another man whose name he has also forgotten under Col. Clark with about 19 or 20 others to guard the falls of Ohio as stated the two foregoing tours no other officer as is believed -- applicant served out his full term of two months and was verbally discharged by Col. Clark in November 1782 the day of the month when he entered the service and when he left the same is not recollected.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States at Bullets Lick Kentucky where he then resided about first of June 1783 as a volunteer under Capt. Brisco [Parmenas Briscoe] Col. Clark & Col. Logan [Benjamin Logan] Lieut. & Ensign not recollected to go an expedition against the Shawnee Indians went with a small party by water with salt for the Army down Salt River, up the Ohio River to the falls where he again joined the Army marched up the Ohio River under said officers to the place where Cincinnati now stands built a small Fort and left about 20 men there to guard the boats then marched to the Shawnee towns and on the 8th of August of the same year fought a battle with the Indians and a few British then marched back to the Fort above mentioned crossed the Ohio River where about the first of September 1781 Applicant was verbally discharged by Capt. Brisco Applicant served during this last engagement three months.

Applicant was in the service [of] the United States during the several tours above mentioned in all 12 months -- as a private -- There were no regular officers or Continental regiments with the troops where he served except at the falls of Ohio where there were a few regular officers but who they were or what was their grade applicant does not know as they had nothing to do with the troops with whom he served. He does not recollect the names or numbers of the militia regiments where he served.

Applicant was born in Roann [sic, Rowan] County State of North Carolina on the 13th day of January 1760 his age was recorded in the family Bible of his father and is copied in his own Bible now in his possession from said family Bible.

Since the Revolutionary war Applicant has lived in Wilkes County North Carolina, in Union & Newberry Counties South Carolina, in Greene, Sullivan Counties Tennessee in Barren County Kentucky and now resides in Jackson County Tennessee. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

1. I Henry Miller the foregoing Applicant was born in Rowan County North Carolina
2. I have a copy of the record of my age in my Bible now in my possession taken from my father's family Bible.
3. I lived in Rowan County when I first entered the service near Lexington Kentucky the 2nd time I entered the service. At Harrods Station Kentucky the 3rd and 4th times I entered the service and at Bullets Lick the 5th time I entered the Service. Since the Revolutionary war I have lived in Wilkes County North Carolina, in Union & Newberry County South Carolina in Greene & Sullivan Counties Tennessee in Barren County Kentucky, and I and now live in Jackson County Tennessee.
4. I volunteered 3 times and was a substitute twice but for whom I was a substitute I have forgotten.
5. There were no regular officers or Continental regiments with the troops where I served. I do

not recollect the names of the Militia Regiments with whom I served. The first time I entered the service I volunteered in Rowan County, North Carolina and marched under Capt. Moore Col. Locke & General Rutherford to the Cherokee nation and from thence to the Overhill Cherokees the Indian towns were vacated & we returned home. The 2nd and 3rd and 4th time I entered the Service I with about 19 or 20 others guarded the falls of the Ohio. The 5th time I entered the Service I marched under Capt. Brisco Col. Clark & Col. Logan to the Shawnee towns where we had an engagement with the Indians and a few British. We then returned home. I served in all 12 months.

6. I never received a written discharge from the service but was verbally discharged or dismissed at the expiration of my several terms of service.

7. The names of some of the persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution are Samuel Allen, Michael Miller, William Plumlee, Christopher Clemmons, Alexander Keith.

He (said applicant) hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk

S/ Henry Miller, X his mark

[Samuel Allen, a clergyman, and Michael Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 30: On January 25, 1843, veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefits to Monroe County Kentucky to which he had recently removed.]

[p 6: Pernina Miller, 85, applied in Monroe County Kentucky on May 28, 1855, as the widow of Henry Miller, a pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum; she states that she married him in Hawkins County Tennessee on or about the 12th day of November 1794; that they were married by Richard Murray, a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Pernina Mullinax; that her husband died in Jackson County Tennessee March 31st, 1852; that she has no record of her marriage; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: widow's name is also spelled Penninah; on May 19, 1856, Sally Pitcock, 57 years old as of 14th of June 1856, testified that she is the daughter of Perninah and Henry Miller; that she is the 3rd child of her parents; that both her older brothers are now dead; that she resides in Monroe County Kentucky; that she was married to John Pitcock.]

[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. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]