

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Miles¹ W2682

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Of the State of Ohio Clermont County

On the fifth day of June in the year 1818 came personally before me Alexander Blair one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County John Miles resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine years who being duly sworn deposeth and saith That in the year 1777 he enlisted as a private soldier in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Thomas Blackwell in the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Green [John Green] in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment, that he served three years in the Army of the revolutionary war against the common enemy, that he received his discharge in the year 1780 at Valley Forge (PA) that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and many others, that his discharge has been many years since lost or destroyed, That on the next day after he received his discharge he again enlisted as aforesaid in the Company commanded by Captain John Gilleson [John Gillison] for three years in the Regiment & line above stated, that he served as aforesaid three years longer, that he received his discharge from the Army in the year 1783 and in the year 1784 at Richmond in Virginia he received his discharge in writing, which said discharge has also long since been lost or mislaid, that he never has heretofore applied for nor received any pension from the United States, that he hereby relinquishes every claim to every pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States, that he has no other evidence in his power to offer, and the said deponent on his oath aforesaid declares that by reason of his reduced circumstances ~~in life~~ he is in need of assistance ~~for support~~ from his Country for support.

S/ John Miles, X his mark

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I the undersigned John Miles do further deposed declare and say to enable me to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons &c That Colonel Green in whose Regiment I served as heretofore stated and sworn to, was killed by the enemy (the British) at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and I was in the ranks of the Army and not fifteen feet from him when he fell, that while under the command of Colonel Green at the battle of Brandywine I was wounded in the left shoulder with a musket ball which ball was extracted, at the same time I was wounded by a buckshot which yet remains in my arm and at times causes me much pain, that my Captain Blackwell was killed – as I believe – shortly after Colonel Green fell, Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] commanded the same Regiment and I marched with the Regiment to Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. I afterwards marched with the Regiment to South Carolina but previous to our arrival at Charlestown

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[Charleston] I was ordered back to Philadelphia with a wagon, I afterwards joined the Regiment again in Virginia and remained with the same until I was finally discharged in 1783. I am poor & indigent wholly unable to proceed to Virginia to obtain further proof, should any person now be alive to prove my service, for three years of the time I was blessed with health, regularly called when the Roll of the other soldier was called and never within my recollection omitted to answer to my name and at all times ready and willing to obey the commands of my officers; I beg therefore most respectfully to refer to the records of the War Department for further proof of my service, the last three years of my service although a regular enlisted soldier I was ordered by the Colonel (Hawes) to drive and did drive his baggage wagon and the reason assigned by my Colonel was that owing to my shoulder and arm I was unable to handle a gun. William Johnston was pay master for Colonel Hawes Regiment and did pay for three years. I do offered the foregoing as the only further proof I have of my having faithfully served my country for upwards of 6 years during the Revolutionary contest.

S/ John Miles, X his mark

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The State of Ohio Clermont County: On this 8th day of June A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being the Court of Common Pleas, within & for the said County being a Court of record, and which have the power of fine and Imprisonment, John Miles aged eighty-one years, a resident in the Said County, who first being duly Sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary War, as follows to wit; in the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Green, in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Blackwell in the Virginia line and that he was notified of his being inscribed on the pension list roll of the Ohio agency, at the rate of \$8 per month, commencing on the 5th day of June 1818, by a pension Certificate No. 12354 bearing date 7th July 1819. & 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, to wit, real estate none, one cow and one ax, and that he is a daily laborer, but owing to age and infirmity is a part of the time unable to work at all and that he has only his wife Polly, aged 52 years, and not very able to work and his daughter Polly, living with him, aged 17 years, but sickly.

Sworn to and declared on the 8th day of June 1820 before the said Court

S/ John Miles, X his mark

[p 9: On January 10, 1846, in Clermont County Ohio Mary Miles, aged about 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she was married to John Miles November 15, 1789 and that her husband died January 8, 1833. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 32: On November 31, 1849 in Clermont County Ohio, the widow, aged 83, made application again for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Miles; that her husband died January 15, 1834; that she married him April 15, 1791; that she was 25 years of age when she

married him; that her 20 brother and sister, Silas Beasely and Alice [now Alice Chalmers] have a record of their age which aids her in establishing her own age. She signed her application with her mark.]

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Of the State of Ohio Clermont County SS

Before me the undersigned one of the associate Judges within and for said County, Personally appeared Silas Beasely and Alice Chalmers, Brother & sister (and 20 Brother & Sister) who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that from the Record they have in their possession they were born on the 14th day of November A.D. 1768. And that Mary Miles who made the foregoing declaration is there Sister as they always understood and believe. That they were born in the State of Virginia on the Blue Ridge as they always understood, And that their parents died when young and that Mary Miles their sister was born as they believe some type in the year 1766 as she was as they always understood about 2 years or little more older than they were, And that said Alice Chalmers states that she went into the State of Pennsylvania, And the said Silas Beasely states that he went to North Carolina and that when they left Virginia that their sister Mary Miles still live there and they were at that time about 19 years of age. And the said Alice Chalmers states that she never saw her sister Mary Miles till after her family was about grown up, And said Silas Beasely states that the first time he saw his sister Mary after he left her in Virginia was about the year 1812 then it was his sister and John Miles were living together in the County of Clermont State of Ohio as man and wife. And that their daughter Hannah was then married and that John & Mary Miles lived near where his sister now lives.

And further these deponents says not.

S/ Silas Beasely, X his mark

S/ Alice Chalmers, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of December A.D. 1848

S/ Thomas Sheldon, Associate Judge

[p 52: On October 27, 1852 in Clermont County Ohio Barbara Lindsey, 63, gave testimony that she was acquainted in 1815 or 1816 with Hannah Walker, daughter of John and Mary Miles; that Hannah was married and had one child at that time who was 3 years old and who died while Hannah and her husband were living on the farm owned by the affiant and her husband.]

[p 76: On October 27, 1852 in Clermont County Ohio Edmund Lindsey, 79, gave an affidavit substantially identical to that given by his wife Hannah Walker summarized above.]

[Facts in file: the veteran died in Withamsville, Clermont County, Ohio; p 18, the widow says her husband was known in the Army as 'wicked Jack'; that she married him in Loudoun County, VA on or about December 20, 1790; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Beasley.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 5, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.]