

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Miller¹ W3707

Lois Miller

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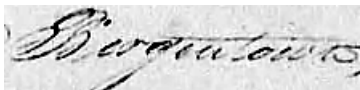
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In the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County Pennsylvania No. 192 June Term 1823

Washington County, Pennsylvania SS

On this 23rd day of June 1823 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the County of Washington aforesaid, Philip Miller, aged sixty-four years on the 10th day of March last past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Philip Miller enlisted for the term of three years or during the war, to the best of his recollection, in the spring of the year 1776 at the Warm Springs in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain William Brady, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Stevenson [perhaps a mistaken reference to Colonel Edward Stevens, commander of the 10th Virginia Regiment early in the Revolution], in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until a short time after the capture of the City of New York by the British Army in the fall of the same year, when he was taken prisoner at a place called Hoboken ferry near Birgontown [?]²; That he was detained as a prisoner for upwards of two years at New York on Long Island and at Fort Washington, from which last place he made his escape and came to Fort Lee from whence he was sent by the Officer commanding to an American Officer at the Draw Bridge in New Jersey who gave him a pass to the Head Quarters of General Washington where he remained six weeks, and was then ordered by General Washington to join Colonel Rollings [sic, Moses Rawlings] on the Potomac in Maryland at Fort Frederick and there to serve out his time – Colonel Rollings commanded the troops who were stationed at that place to guard the prisoners; that he continued at that place till the end of the war, when he as well as the others were dismissed by Colonel Rollings, who told them they might go home for the present and afterwards call at his house, near Fort Frederick, for their discharges; that he, not supposing that it would be of any advantage to him never called for his discharge and of course never received one. That he never was in any engagement, having been surprised and surrounded at the time he was taken prisoner, and he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said services, except what may appear in the War Office and the testimony of his brothers Jacob Miller and Christopher Miller who reside in Allegheny County in the State of Maryland and John Miller who resides in Washington County Pennsylvania.

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And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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

Schedule of my property

One bed and bedding of the value of \$10; one Trunnel bed one dollar; one chest \$2.50; one table .50cts; one stand .75cts; one looking glass .50cts; 5 chairs \$1.25; one wooden clock (under execution) \$8; cupboard ware \$1.25; 3 smoothing irons \$1.50; one small coffee or Peppermill .25cts; one bucket, to crocks & one pewter plate .75cts; one pot, tea kettle, Dutch oven & frying pan \$5.75; one pair of fire tongs \$1.50 & Carpenter tools \$14.62 ½ – the whole of the value of \$50,12 1/2.

S/ Philip Miller³

I am by trade a Joiner and house Carpenter, but on account of Rheumatic pains and other infirmities of age, I am unable to pursue it except at short intervals – being frequently disabled for the space of 3, 6 or 9 months at a time; so that I am utterly unable to support myself and family.

My family consist of my wife Loes [sic] Miller who is 54 years of age and much afflicted with Rheumatism but otherwise healthy; and my son Jonathan Benjamin Miller who is 14 years of age and who has been sickly from his cradle and entirely incapable of any exertion.

Sworn & subscribed June 24th, 1823

S/ Philip Miller

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Virginia Morgan County to wit

On this 14th day of November 1823 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a justice of the peace for said County William Catlet being a credible witness and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God Deposeth and saith that Philip Miller he has always understood that he was duly enlisted in the United States Army near the Warm Springs in Virginia in the United States in the year of 1776 or 1777 under Captain William Brady in the rifle Corps for the term of three years or during the war and some considerable time after Philip Miller came home in Berkeley County on Sleepy Creek to his father and mother's in British Regimentals and said that he had been taken prisoner by the British & took him to be a Deserter and attacking him he produced a pass from General Washington to go to Colonel Moses Rollings at Fort Frederick in Maryland to serve out the balance of his time.

Sworn to before me

S/ Samuel Waln [?]

Virginia Morgan County to wit

On this 15th of November 1823 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a justice of the peace for said County Mathias Ambrose being a credible witness and being duly sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he knows Philip Miller was enlisted at the Warm Springs in the United States Army in Virginia in the year 1776 or 1777

³ The handwriting of the signature is identical to the handwriting in the body of the document. Consequently, I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran

under Captain William Brady in the Rifle Corps for the Term of three years or during the war and I also saw him with his cockade in his hat at that time he was under my father's Captain Henry Ambrose as a militia soldier and sometime after the said Philip Miller came home and my father supposed he was a deserter and on examining him found he had a pass from General Washington directed to Colonel Rollins at Fort Frederick in Maryland and there served out his time agreeable to his enlistment. Sworn before me

S/Barnet Lee

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Maryland Allegheny County to wit

On this the 8th day of November 1823 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Jacob Miller being a credible witness and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that Philip Miller was enlisted (at the Warm Springs in Virginia) in the United States service in the year 1776 or 1777 under Captain William Brady in the rifle Corps for the term of three years or during the war and that he the said Philip Miller found his own rifle and that said rifle was praised [appraised] at \$15 or \$16. And he was taken prisoner by the British and that he ran away from the British and came to General Washington who gave him a pass and sent him to Colonel Rawlings at Fort Frederick in Maryland who received him and there he served out his time. Sworn before me

S/ James Totten, Junior

And on the day and year first above written appeared Christopher Miller a credible witness and being duly sworn as aforesaid before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County deposeth and saith that the above mentioned Philip Miller was enlisted in the United States service for the Term of 3 years or during the war and that he served the time for which he was enlisted under Colonel Rawlings in Maryland.

Sworn before me

S/ James Totten, Jnr.

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Washington County SS Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said County John Miller Senior who on his solemn oath deposeth & saith that he was well acquainted with Philip Miller an applicant for a pension from the United States under the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & first of May 1820 & that he is still well known to him – That sometime near the middle of the Revolutionary War he saw the said Philip at the Warm Springs in Virginia that he was then mustering in the Company of Captain William Brady with his father's Rifle, which he took with him when he went to enlist – that he saw the said Philip marched off in said company to join the main Army as they said – Deponent did not see him again for 3 years or perhaps more, when hearing that he had been made prisoner & had made his escape from the British & was at Fort Frederick in Maryland – he took clothing & went to see him – he found said Philip at the said Fort in the United States service & there saw a pass from General Washington which directed said Philip to go to Colonel Rollins at Fort Frederick & served out his time – which he accordingly did and then returned home, which was some time after the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Little York – & further sayeth not –

Sworn & subscribed this 9th day of June 1823

S/ John Millar [sic], X his mark

[p 13: On October 15, 1852 in Tyler County Virginia, Mrs. Lois Miller, 87, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Philip Miller, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died June 5, 1852; that he drew his pension at the Wheeling Agency in the state of Virginia and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. On the same day Mrs. Hanah McAnaspy of Monroe County of Ohio gave testimony that she is the daughter of Philip and lowest Miller; that she is 55 years old; that her father died in June 1852 and heard means his widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 11: On December 14, 1855 in Pleasants [?] County Virginia, Lois Miller, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Philip Miller , stating that he died in Tyler County Virginia on or about the 4th day of June A.D. 1852; that she married him September 13, 1785; that they were married by John Lovebery. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: The widow's maiden name was Lois Benjamin.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 14, 1823, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental service. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.]