

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Miller W4032

Nancy Miller

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Application for a New Certificate

State of North Carolina

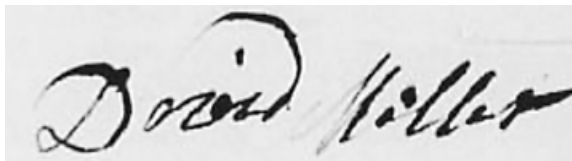
County of Lincoln SS

On this 25th day of October 1821; before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Lincoln personally appeared David Miller who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Samuel Martin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Polk in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of North Carolina that he received no certificate of that fact, under the signature and seal of the Secretary of; but has for some time Drawn this pension from the proper Authority of the State of North Carolina & from the proper authority of the United States for the North Carolina agency at Fayetteville.

Sworn and subscribed to, before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Ramsour, JP

S/ David Miller

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions opened and held for the County of Lincoln at the Courthouse in Lincoln to on the 4th day of March 1839 Mrs. Nancy Miller aged Sixty Five Years appeared in Court who being 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 7th 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows

That she is the widow of David Miller late of said County who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War as she has been Informed and believes, that her husband entered the Service of the United States in the State of South Carolina and a part of said time had Enlisted for a term of Service, but with what officer she does not know but a part of said Service was in a company of Cavalry Commanded by Captain Martin and attached to the Regiment under Colonel William Polk that she has no documentary evidence but as her husband received a pension as an Invalid from the United States of Five Dollars 33 1/3 Cents per month until his death she would Refer to

his declaration filed on which he was placed on the pension list Roll of the North Carolina agency.

She further declares that she was married to her late husband David Miller in York district in the State of South Carolina in the month of February 1782, that her husband died in Lincoln County 18th of March 1832, that she was not married to her husband prior to his leaving the Service but the Marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the 7th day of March 1839

S/ Nancy Miller, X her mark

[p 10: Thomas Kendrick gave testimony on March 7th, 1839 that he is the brother of Nancy Miller; that he was acquainted with David Miller 2 or 3 years prior to David's marriage to affiant PS sister; that he witnessed the marriage between David Miller and Nancy performed by Colonel William Hill in York district South Carolina. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 11: On August 8, 1839 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Nancy Miller gave testimony that she had 4 children by her husband David Miller and that their names and years of birth are as follows: John born 1794; Samuel born 1796; Levi born 1799; and Sally born 1804 and now married to William Putman.]

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State of North Carolina Cleveland County

On this 6th day of March 1845 Personally Appeared before James Roberts one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Nancy Miller a resident of North Carolina in the County of Cleveland: Aged Seventy One years: 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 7th 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows: that she is the widow of David Miller who was a private in the Army of the United States, and was placed on the invalid pension list of North Carolina: and resided at that time in the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina: the Commencement of his pension was on the 4th September 1808, under the Act of April 24th 1816, and the Annual allowance was forty Dollars, afterwards his pay was increased to the annual allowance of sixty-four dollars: under the Act of March 3rd, 1819: this Deponent further Declares that she has often heard her late husband David Miller say that he came on from the North and Joined the Army in South Carolina and was in the battle at Bryer Creek [Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] with Captain Snipes, and there received his wound: which wound was to his great injury to the Day of his Death: and she further declares that she was married to the said David Miller sometime in the year 1792, and that her husband the aforesaid David Miller died on the 18th of March 1832, and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service: but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. She further declares that some time 4 or 5 years since She made a Declaration and proof of marriage and left the same in the hands of David Rinhardt her Agent to be forwarded to the pension office, and he, Rinhardt, afterwards removed to the West and that she has since learned that he, Rinhardt, stated before he left that her claim sut [sic ? sat?] on suspension for the want of proof of the service of her late husband David Miller, which to her seems unreasonable for her husband was a pensioner there for proof of service must have been in the possession of the Department. She further declares that she knows of no proof obtainable further than her husband David Miller was a pensioner as

above stated, and that she refers the Department to her former papers on file in the pension office for proof of Marriage –

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above stated before

S/ James Roberts, JP

S/ Nancy Miller, X her mark

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State of Tennessee Bradley County

Personally appeared Robert McCormick before the Subscriber one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after being first duly sworn according to law Deposeh and saith on his oath that he was well acquainted with David Miller whose widow Nancy Miller of Cleveland County North Carolina is now applying for a pension. That the said David Miller was with him at the taking of Orangeburg South Carolina,¹ that he belonged to Charles Midleton's [Charles Myddleton's] Regiment Sumter's Brigade and that said David Miller belonged to Colonel William Polk's Regiment of Captain Martin's Company of the North Carolina State troops, that he the said David Miller was one of the ten months volunteers who were promised bounty. That the said Miller was wounded in the shoulder at Snipe's Defeat² at Snipes own Dwelling House, that he afterwards got well of his wound and served out his time, and was discharged at Orangeburg South Carolina some two weeks before he was and came home, that he was well acquainted with the said Miller for many years after the Close of the war of the Revolution. That he the said Miller was one of his near neighbors. That the ten months term of service that the said David Miller served was about the year 1781 from the fact that he himself entered the service about the 16th day of March 1781 and that Miller's time was out some two weeks before his was. That he well knows that said David Miller was a true Whig and served his Country as above stated in Colonel Polk's Regiment of the North Carolina State troops in the war of the Revolution that he was acquainted with the said Miller for many years After he was married. That he married one Nancy Lamberth [sic] about the year 1791 to the best of his Recollection.

Sworn to and Subscribed this 19th day of December 1846

S/ Robert McCormick³

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert McCormick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the subscriber.

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[Since the veteran was pensioned in 1808 on account of disability resulting from a wound in the shoulder suffered at Orangeburg, SC and since pension records for pensions awarded prior to 1818 have been destroyed or lost, I am going to give the material information contained a letter dated February 4, 1931 summarizing the contains of the file as follows:

"That it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W. 4032, that David Miller served in 1781, ten months as a private in Capt. Samuel Martin's company, Col. William Polk's North Carolina Regiment. He was at the capture of Orangeburg, South Carolina, where he was wounded in the shoulder.

¹ May 11, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html

² June 3, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snipes_plantation.html

³ [Robert McCormick S4198](#)

He was allowed a pension from September 4, 1808, on account of disability resulting from the above mentioned wound.

He died March 18, 1832 in Lincoln County, North Carolina.

The soldier married in February, 1792 in York District South Carolina, Nancy. Thomas Kendrick stated that Nancy Miller was his sister, and John Lamberth or Lambeth also stated that Nancy Miller was his sister, and a witness testified that David Miller married Nancy Lambeth.

There is no explanation given as to the discrepancies of these testimonies.

The widow, Nancy, was allowed pension on her application executed March 4, 1839, at which time she was living in Lincoln County, North Carolina, and was aged sixty-five years.

In 1845 she was residing in Cleveland County, North Carolina. She died about 1849.

Their children were:

John, born in 1794, residing in Cleveland County, North Carolina in 1852.

Samuel, born in 1796, residing in Georgia in 1840

Levi or Levy, born in 1799, residing in Georgia in 1840

Sarah or Sally, born in 1804, married William Pitman or Putman, residing in Cleveland County, North Carolina in 1852.

The above noted is the history of the only soldier named David Miller that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this euro, from North Carolina."

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$5.33 1/3 per month commencing in 1808 and ending with his death in Lincoln County of March 18, 1832. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]