

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Miller <sup>1</sup> W4033

Barbara Miller f72NC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[I found the handwriting of the scribe to be extremely challenging -- consequently, this transcription must be used with extreme care. I apologize for the large number of "indecipherable words" inserts—anyone who has a better transcription is urged to please submit it.]

[p 10]

State of North Carolina Davidson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November 1833

On the 14 day of November A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Davidson now sitting Jacob Miller a resident of said County aged about seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon 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 and served as hereinafter stated. He stated that in the year 1778 to the best of his recollection in the summer of that year by order of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- Capt. Hedrick [Peter Hedrick] raised a company of Militia in the County of Rowan under a contract to serve 2 years of their service should he require, that affiant joined this Company and did actual service for twelve months at least in camp or in the field, that during the period they marched against the Tories to Cane Creek, to Bush Creek in Orange County, to the Raft Swamp that after a considerable engagement with the Tories in the month of August or September 1779 affiant thinks at Mask ferry or Massey ferry [Mask's Ferry, September 10, 1780]<sup>2</sup> under a belief that the Tories were completely subdued the Company was discharged for the time being but not of their contract. He recollects that Col. Giles [Gess] and Major Lofton [sic, Lofton?] commanded at the last engagement -- Affiant under his contract was called into service again with his company commanded by Capt. Hedrick in the month of May 1780 for a three months [tour] -- while his company marched to the South -- he with several others of his company were ordered to remain in the County as a guard -- the company returning shortly thereafter with orders of General Rutherford should remain embodied under their first contract & serve out their two years -- [indecipherable word] in this previous service mentioned he with his company accordingly remained embodied -- and were marched against embodying Tories under Col. Bryan [Samuel Bryan] in the Forks of the N. Yadkin [River] -- and pursued him to the mouth of the Rocky River under the chief command of General Rutherford along with other militia but before they reached

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt46879-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_masks\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_masks_ferry.html)

them they had been recalled by General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. The British at this time making headway in the South and the Tories running in every direction, his company by order of General Rutherford was marched back to the County of Rowan -- the center as it was of the Tory hold -- and was kept embodied and kept the greater part of the time on the march in Rowan, Randolph, Orange and Chatham Counties & Surry in order to keep the Tories from collecting. What little respite they had from excursions they lay in camp. This continued until the month of February 1781 when the British marched through the Country the company dispersed for a few weeks not more than 3 and Capt. Hedrick left the County & fled to Virginia [indecipherable text]. The British having passed along, orders were [indecipherable word] from General Rutherford that the company should rally and organize under Capt. Cuningham [Joseph Cunningham] and serve out their time which we accordingly done and remained embodied til the month of May 1781, the end of such month [indecipherable word] the term engaged in marching about to rally their party and to protect them, when they were discharged having served fully two years say about 12 months at 1 period and 12 mos. at this last period—that they rec'd pay for two years service in a [indecipherable word] or certificate —in which two periods he was engaged in no civil pursuit—that [he] came home after the expiration of this service in the month of August 1781 as well as affiant can recollect he volunteered in the County of Rowan in a Company commanded by Capt Smith for a tour of three months and was marched to Wilmington and remained in that Country until Cornwallis was taken at York [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] their time being up they were marched back and were discharged—having served in all two years & three months at least. Affiant further states that to the best of his recollection or as well as he can ascertain he was born in the year 1760. That when he was called into service he lived in the County of Rowan where he has continued to reside ever since (now Davidson) that during all his service he served as a Volunteer and as a private except in the tour to Wilmington when he acted as Sergeant that he was discharged each term in writing which discharges are lost That he has no record of his age. That in his neighborhood he is known to Wilson Wiseman, John Sappenfield who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier, and Jacob Goss and Peter Smith who can testify to his services—that during the above service as mentioned he was engaged in no civil pursuit. That he has no Documents of his service and recollects no regular officers with whom he served—He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Jacob Miller



Sworn to and subscribed day and year aforesaid

S/ Saml Gaither, Clk

By S/ D. Mock, DC

Jacob Goss<sup>3</sup> and Peter Smith<sup>4</sup> make [oath] that they are well acquainted with Jacob Miller above Affiant, that they know of their own knowledge that he served as he states to wit two years in two periods under Capt. Hedrick, and three months under Capt. Smith including the service under Capt. Cunningham.

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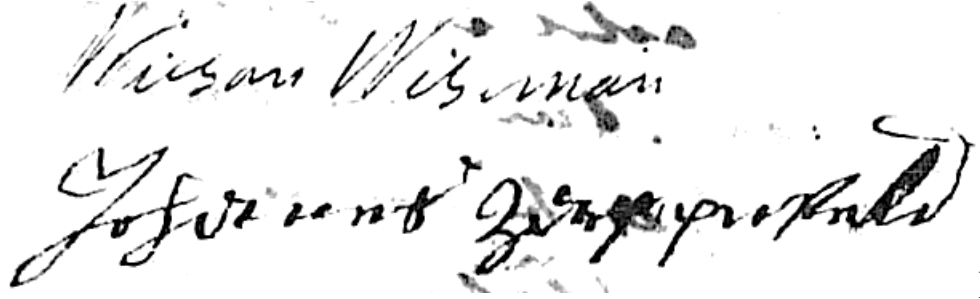
<sup>3</sup> [Jacob Goss S8579](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Peter Smith S7533](#)

S/ Jacob Goss, Z his mark

S/ Peter Smith, P his mark

[Wilson Wiseman and Johannes Zappenfeld[?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is 'Wilson Wiseman' and the second is 'Johannes Zappenfeld'. Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light background. A closing bracket ']' is located to the right of the second signature.

[p 16: In her application dated February 13, 1845, also filed in Davidson County North Carolina, Barbary Miller, 78, filed for her widow's pension stating that her husband, Jacob Miller was a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him March 8, 1785 and that he died March 8th 1844. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 54: On August 30, 1845 in Davidson County North Carolina, George Miller gave oath that he is the eldest son of Jacob and Barbara Miller; that he is now 59 years old and was born on August 16, 1786.

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'George Miller'. The signature is written in dark ink. A closing bracket ']' is located to the right of the signature.

[p 7: On October 21, 1856, in Davidson County North Carolina, Barbara Miller, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jacob Miller stating that she married him in Rowan County North Carolina on March 8, 1784 or 1785 and that her name prior to marriage was Barbara Smith and that her husband died at his residence in Davidson County North Carolina on the March 8th 1844 or 1845; and that she remains his widow. Signed this document with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Polly Palmmer, 81 years old on Sept. 27, 1879, filed in Davidson County, NC on April 10, 1880, stating that she is the daughter of Barbara Miller, widow of Jacob Miller; that her mother died February 20, 1864; that she and her brother, Jacob Miller (who is old, infirm and blind) are the only surviving children of her parents; other children of the veteran and his wife mentioned in the file: son, George, their eldest son, born August 15, 1785; Polly born September 28, 1798; and Jacob, birth date not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]