

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Milburn (Millburn)¹ W51 Bethia Milburn f72VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 5/29/13

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State of Tennessee Green County: September Term 1832

On this 6th September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the Circuit Court of Law and Equity for Green County now sitting William Milburn Senior a resident of Green County State of Tennessee aged sixty-nine years, who being first duly 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit) That at the time the British prisoners were stationed at Winchester Virginia, or rather near that place, in Frederick County in the said State this applicant was a citizen of said County and State, the year not recollected and was drafted to serve a three months Tour in guarding said prisoners and was placed under the command of Lieutenant Solomon Pittspatrick alias Fitzpatrick, the Captain not recollected and was marched to said Barax [barracks] and remained there as guard over said prisoners until the expiration of the 3 months for which he was drafted with the exception of about 10 days that his Brother Robert Milburn came and relieved him for the purpose of his returning home to see his father's family – he states that he returned and was discharged at the expiration of the three months by the said Lieutenant Fitzpatrick and that he he served personally during said tour 2 months and 20 days and that his Brother served the other 10 days while he was at home as before stated. He states that General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] was frequently at the Barax during his said Tour and there was also a Captain Runels at that place he states that his discharge was lost in what way he does not know at this late day. First Tour 2 months 20 days. He states that sometime after the service above stated the year 1781 the month not recollected though some days previous to the siege of York where Lord Cornwallis surrendered this applicant Enlisted in Prince William County Virginia for twelve months and enrolled in said County under Captain Charles Atwell and was marched to Williamsburg Virginia by way of the Bolinggreen [Bowling Green] where he joined the Army (which was principally [word written over and illegible]) as well as now recollected he states that his company was placed under the command of Colonel Alcut & Major Pass. He states that he and others were placed in Hog Island in James River with some horses in charge to remained there until for further orders – from Williamsburg the French Army was marched to Boston and this declarant was also put to drive a wagon and Team which wagon was loaded with a Brass Cannon and was marched to Boston by way of Colchester to Baltimore where the Army remained some days. He states that the next place where the Army was halted for more than one day or night was at

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Providence in Rhode Island where the Army remained some days from there to Boston where the cannon was put on board of vessels from there he states he was marched up the Country to or near a River called Saratoga where the horses and drivers were stationed among the farmers until sometime in March following it being about Christmas when he left the French Army at Boston, he states that sometime in March as above stated he was discharged by Colonel Pass peace been made. He states that his recollection may have failed him as to his enlistment being about the time of Lord Cornwallis Surrender but he is confident he was discharged in March and that he served out the full Term of his enlistment previous to his being discharged, and as well as now recollected it took this applicant about one month to travel home which would be thirteen months twelve months in actual service one month to get home. He states that on his way home he got his discharge wet in his pocket book in destroyed. He states that during the war of the Revolution he served in all 15 months and 20 days – he states there is no resident minister of the gospel in his neighborhood he 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. That he has no documentary evidence nor is any person known to him by whom he can prove his said services. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Milburn



[David Rankin & John Balch [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 16: On November 14, 1843 in Greene County Tennessee, Bethia Milburn, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Milburn a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in June 1787; that her husband died February 11, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On March 31, 1855 in Greene County Tennessee, Bethia Milburn, aged more than 80 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Milburn, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Loudoun County Virginia (the date she cannot remember); that they were married by Mr. Moore a Baptist clergyman; that her name prior to her marriage was but Bethia Hutchison; that her husband died February 11, 1835 in Greene County Tennessee. She signed her application with her mark

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Agreement

It is hereby agreed by the undersigned who are all the children and Heirs of Bethia Milburn deceased, who was a pensioner of the United States – that James H Bales act as Administrator in our behalf in obtaining the arrears of Pension due the said Bethia in which are accrued up to the time of her death – this 31st day of December A.D. 1869 (Witnesses Names)

S/ William G. Roberts

S/ Nancy A. Bales, X her mark

S/ John Mahoney

S/ Mary H. Milburn, X her mark

S/ Malvina D. Milburn

S/ Rachel High, X her mark

S/ Sarah A. Milburn

S/ Elizabeth Gass, X her mark

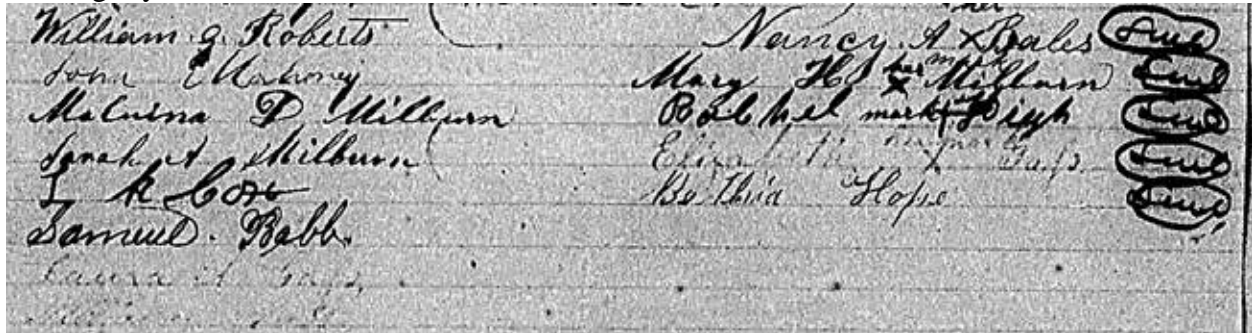
S/ L. K. Cox

S/ Bethia Hope

S/ Samuel Babb

S/ Laura A. Gass [very faint]

S/ [illegibly faint] Gass [?]



[Facts in file: The veteran and his wife had the following children

David born March 15, 1790

Elizabeth born December 23, 1794, married __ Gass

William born February 7, 1798

Nancy A. born February 13, 1799, married __ Bates

Mary or Polly H born May 8, 1801

Rachel born July 3, 1803, married __ High

Beca November 6, 1807

Bethire [Bethia] born January 19, 1809, married __ Hope]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 2 months and 20 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]