

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Miller W5375

Elizabeth Miller

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State of Tennessee County of Roane: County Court July Sessions 1831

Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the Act of the 18th March 1818
County of Rowan State of Tennessee: On this 25th of July 1831, Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record of said County Adam Miller resident in said County aged 70 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first May 1820. That the said Adam Miller enlisted for the term of Ten months on the __ day of April in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Peter Burnes [Peter Burns] and afterwards transferred to Capt. William Alexander, Lieut. Andrew Alexander in the 1st Regiment of Dragoons, commanded by Col. Wade Hampton in the line of the State troops of South Carolina on the __ establishment that he continued to serve in said last Company commanded by William Alexander & Major Rutherford until his time was out when he was discharged at Orangeburg in South Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application he did not wish to call on the Government until he was unable to work to maintain himself. He was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781],¹ at the taking of Orangeburg [May 11, 1781]² & Friday's Fort [May 1, 1781]³ &c
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 Property

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| 110 acres of land worth | \$50.00 |
| Some cattle worth | 13.50 |
| Some small hogs do | 5.25 |

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fridays_ferry.html

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| One Mare at worth | 15.00 |
| Household & kitchen furniture | <u>26.37 ½</u> |
| | 110.12 ½ |

S/ A. Miller

[Proved by Robert Burke & John Mead]

July 25, 1831

There have been no changes since the 18th of March 1818 in my property except raising a few hogs & cows to give milk & when the hogs & calves were big enough kill them for my own use.

Sworn to and open Court

25th July 1831

S/ H. S. Purvis, DC

S/ Adam Miller

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State of Tennessee Rhea County Court Monday August first 1831

This day personally appeared in open court Moses Ferguson⁴ & Robert McCormick⁵ citizens filed the following affidavit, to wit:

State of Tennessee Rhea County: August Sessions County Court 1831

Personally appeared in open court Moses Ferguson & Robert McCormick citizens of the County aforesaid and made oath that they were well acquainted with Adam Miller, that he enlisted in April as well as they recollect in the year 1781 in North Carolina under Capt. Peter Burns for 10 months & they believe he was transferred Capt. William Alexander & Lieut. Andrew Alexander of the 1st Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Col. Wade Hampton in the line of the State troops of South Carolina we were in the battle of Eutaw Springs with said Miller and he the said Miller continued to serve said Alexander until he was discharged at Orangeburg - one of these affiants Robert McCormick was discharged at the same place Orangeburg. The said Adam Miller whom we then viewed as a soldier as above stated, is now here before us and we are certain he is the identical same Adam Miller who served as above stated and that the said Miller has filed a declaration for a pension in Kingston Roane County at July Court 1831.

Sworn to in open court first August 1831

S/ James Berry, clerk

S/ Moses Ferguson, X his mark

S/ Robert McCormick

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State of Tennessee Roane County

On this 25 day of July 1832 Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record, Adam Miller resident of Roane County & State aforesaid aged about ___ years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he has heretofore filed his declaration for a pension & which declaration with the proof is now on file at the War office in Washington City, he hereby refers to that declaration for the statement of his Services, enlistment &c, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

⁴ [Moses Ferguson S17411](#)

⁵ [Robert McCormick S4198](#)

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid 25 July 1832
S/ Henry Purvis, DC

S/ Adam Miller

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State of Tennessee Roane County: Circuit Court March Term 1834

On this 11th day of March 1834 personally appeared Adam Miller in open Court a resident of said County & State aged Seventy Three years the 8th day of last June who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of April in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Peter Burns, that he was afterwards transferred to the Company commanded by Capt. William Alexander, Lieut. Matthew Alexander and the first Regiment of dragoons commanded by Col. Wade Hampton in the line of the State troops of South Carolina. That he continued to serve in said last Company under the command of William Alexander & Major Rutherford. That he entered for the term of 10 months and served until his term expired when he was discharged at Orangeburg in South Carolina. That he was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs, at the taking of Orangeburg & Friday's ford, his company was attached to Col. Washington [William Washington] to reinforce General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781]⁶ & went & then returned back to the Congaree to headquarters, on their return had a skirmish with the Hessians & British light horse at Tiger [Tyger] River, when the Hessians & British were defeated -- he was acquainted with a Major Snipe, Major Tannel, Major Rutherford, Capt. Barnet, Capt. Reed, Lieut. Culpepper & Carter, McCormick & Ferguson. That he marched from North Carolina to Congaree, through South Carolina to Orangeburg then to Eutaw, then to Ninety Six. That he was born in Cumberland County Pennsylvania on the 8th day of June 1759. He has no record of his age. He lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when called into service and since that time has lived in Washington, Sullivan, Green, Jefferson & now lives in Roane County Tennessee. That he received a discharge but has long since lost it. That he is known to William Eblen Esquire, John Mead, George Pickle & James Lackey in his neighborhood who would testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his service in the revolutionary war as a Soldier. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ N. R. Wiley, DC

S/ Adam Miller, X his mark

[Elisha Turner, a clergyman, and Abraham Bogart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Rhea County} March Circuit Court 1834

Personally appeared in open Court Robert McCormick a citizen of said County & made oath that he was well acquainted with Adam Miller , that he enlisted in April 1781 – as well as he recollects, in North Carolina under Captain Peter Burnes for ten months and he believes he was transferred to Captain William Alexander & Lieutenant Andrew Alexander of the 1st Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton in the line of the State Troops of South

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

Carolina. I was in the battle of Eutaw Springs with said Miller until he was discharged at Orangeburg. This affiant was discharged at the same place Orangeburg. The said Adam Miller whom I then knew as a soldier as above stated is the same Adam Miller who has heretofore, at the July Court at Kingston, Roane County applied for a pension, and I saw said Adam Miller at Rhea Court in August 1831 & knew him to be the same Identical Adam Miller with whom I was acquainted as above stated in the Army, and at the said August Court I made an affidavit for said Adam Miller with Moses Ferguson, whom I also knew as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, & that said Ferguson has now removed from this state to some of the western states, but where I know not – the same Adam Miller for whom I made an affidavit as aforesaid (as I understand by some means got his papers lost) and now he said Miller is applying again for a pension, and filed his declaration at Kingston Court 4th day of March 1834. He is the same Adam Miller with whom I was acquainted as a soldier as aforesaid.

Sworn to and open Court March 25th 1834

S/ John Locke, Clerk

S/ Robt McCormick

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. McCormick".

[p 4: On August 8, 1848 in Roane County Tennessee, Elizabeth Miller a resident of said County and aged 82 years file for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she was married to Adam Miller a private in Captain Alexander's Company of regulars of the 1st Regiment of North Carolina regiments; that she married him in 1777 in Washington County Tennessee [sic, then North Carolina]; that her husband died on July 5, 1848 in Roane County Tennessee leaving her a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Adam Miller was born June 8, 1759 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; was residing in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when he enlisted in April 1781; veteran died July 5, 1848; veteran married in Washington County, Tennessee, in 1777 or 1778, Elizabeth, maiden name not stated; she was allowed a widow's pension on her application dated August 8, 1848 while living in Roane County Tennessee and aged 82 years.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the South Carolina cavalry (State Troops) for 10 months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]