

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Miller W5376

Annis Miller

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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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.]

[p 5]

State of Georgia Habersham County} SS

On this 4th day of February 1847 personally appeared before me Thomas J. Hughs one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in and for said County & State, Annis Miller a resident of the State of Georgia in the County of Habersham aged Eighty Eight 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 and the other supplemental acts in favor of widows pensions, that She is the widow of Robert Miller who was a private in the Revolutionary War on the part of the United States and was a resident of Chester District State of South Carolina at the time he entered the Service and from her best recollection of the manner of his Services related to her by him in his lifetime, he served as follows, viz. a long train of Service in Moore's [Francis Moore's] troop, Middleton's [Charles Myddleton's] Regiment, Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] State troops, also in Colonel Winn's [Richard Winn's] Regiment under Captain Turner [John Turner] in the year 1780, 1781 & 1782 in scouting services a part of which was performed as horseman. She further says that he served in Colonel Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment as horseman under Hugh Stuart and in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment. She further says that the above services were performed in the State of South Carolina & the only Battle she recollects hearing him say he was in was that fought at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] in which he received a severe wound. She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Miller on the first day of October 1788 and that her husband the aforesaid Robert Miller died on the 27th day of September 1821. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ Thomas J. Hughs, JIC

S/ Annis Miller, X her mark

[p 3: On September 18, 1847 in Habersham County Georgia, Littleton Meeks gave a supporting affidavit in which he [she?] states that he knew Robert Miller and his wife Annis Miller for 52 years; that Robert Miller enjoyed the reputation as a revolutionary war veteran; that he and his wife lived together as husband and wife and were members of the Baptist Church which would not have admitted them as members unless they were lawfully married.]

[p 22: On June 6, 1848, Darius Echols gave a supporting affidavit substantially identical to that given by Littleton Meeks.]

[p 24: On February 20, 1850, in Henderson County Georgia, Moses Rice and Samuel M. Smith made a joint affidavit in which they testified as to their recollections of conversations with the veteran regarding his services during the revolution.]

[p 44: South Carolina Comptroller Generals office report on payments made to a Robert Miller for services during the revolutionary war.]

[p 45: On July 13, 1849 in Habersham County Georgia, Darius Echols, 69, and Hannah Thomas, 45, gave testimony as to their recollections of statements made by the veteran as to his services during the revolution.]

[p 55: On February 4, 1847, Christian Thomas gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of Robert Miller and Annis Thatcher; that the marriage took place at Esq. Lesley's in Abbeville District, State of South Carolina before Robert Hall, a minister of the Gospel on the first day of October 1788.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$44.32 per annum for her husband service as a private in the dragoons, in the Infantry and as a Sergeant in the militia.]

[Note: This may be 1 of the instances in which a widow received from the South Carolina Comptroller general a certificate listing services rendered by all claimants named Robert Miller. Which of these claims relate to this particular veteran is difficult to ascertain.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Robert Miller          AA30  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 5256  
Transcribed by Will Graves

8/24/20

[Transcribers Note: I have included below transcripts of the documents in the South Carolina Audited Accounts relating to veterans named Robert Miller. That said, I do not believe these documents relate to one veteran by that name. Since the widow based her claim using all of the services described below, I have included all of the documents in said file. The man who served in Francis Moore's company of State Troops cannot be the same man who claimed to have been wounded at Kings Mountain. The widow claims in her petition that her husband died September 27, 1821. The veteran who was wounded at Kings Mountain died on August 12, 1831. Consequently, they are two distinct individuals, one who fought under Francis Moore in the South Carolina State Troops and the other who fought under Captain George Roebuck in the back country militia. If the widow's husband is one of these veterans, he is the one who served in the 10-Month State Troops of Light Dragoons under Capt. Francis Moore.]

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 364 Book M dated first of October 1784 "delivered to Mr.

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Robert Miller late Private in Moore's [Francis Moore's] Troop, Myddleton's [Lt. Col. Charles S. Myddelton's] Regiment Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last."}]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the South Carolina treasury, Thomas Polk, Thomas Sumter, Bd. Mos: Spitzer, and Philip Hart. How these men acquired an interest in the indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

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Robert Miller his Account for 81 days duty in Captain Turner's [John Turner's] Company Colonel Winn's [Richard Winn's] Regiment in 1780, and 48 days duty in Colonel Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment in 1781, also 125 days lost by the Wounds suffered at Ferguson's defeat [Battle of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780]<sup>2</sup> in 1780, being 254 days at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina Currency] per day

is Currency	£254
Amount Stg. [Sterling]	£36.5.8 ½

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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18<sup>th</sup> July

1780

The Public of the State of South Carolina

To Robert Miller

Dr.

To 81 Days Duty Done in Colonel Richard Winn's Regiment in Captain Turner's Company of militia Commanded by Lt. John Huston, as Horseman at £1

is

£81 old Cur.y



7<sup>th</sup> Octr

1780 Lying in the wounds Received at Ferguson's Defeat 125 Days at £1 is

£125 old Cur.y

10<sup>th</sup> March

1781 To 48 days Duty Done in Colonel Lacey's Regiment of militia as Horseman commanded by Hugh Stuart at £1 per day is

£48 old Cur.y



South Carolina

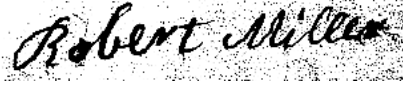
<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

Chester County} This Day appeared Robert Miller before me and made oath that the above  
Accounts as the severally Stand Stated against the public of South Carolina is Just & true and  
that he has Received no satisfaction for the same

Sworn to 24 May 1785

before Edward Lacey, JP

S/ Robert Miller

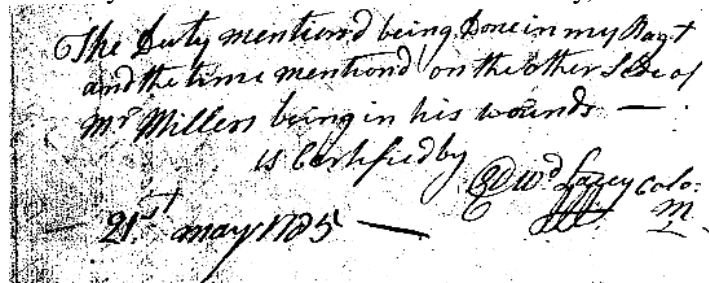


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The Duty mentioned being Done in my Regiment and the time mentioned on the other side of  
Mr. Miller's being in his wounds is Certified by

21<sup>st</sup> May 1785

S/ Edwd Lacey, Colo. M. [Edward Lacey]

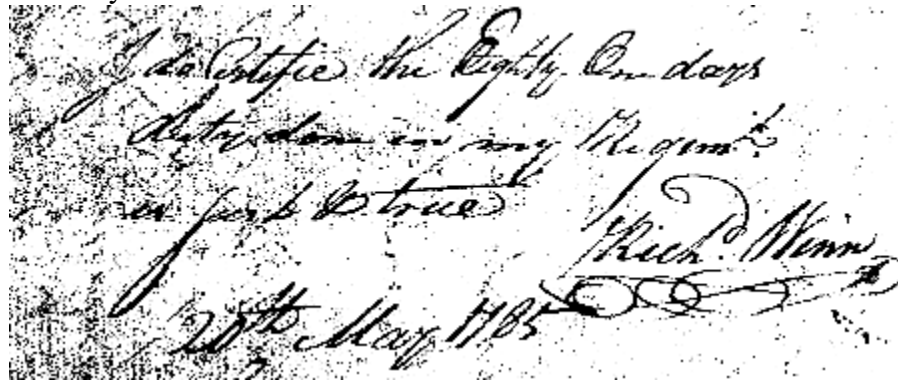


The Duty mentioned being Done in my Regt  
and the time mentioned on the other side of  
Mr. Miller's being in his wounds —  
is Certified by Edwd Lacey Colo. M.  
21<sup>st</sup> May 1785

I do Certify the Eighty One days duty done in my Regiment is Just & true

S/ Rich'd Winn [Richard Winn]

20<sup>th</sup> May 1785



I do Certify the Eighty One days  
Duty done in my Regiment  
is Just & true  
Rich'd Winn  
20<sup>th</sup> May 1785

Received 21 November 1785, full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 479 Y

S/ Robert Miller

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[Book] X 18 June 86 [1786]

Robert Miller

For Militia Duty in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment since the fall of Chs. Town  
[Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert  
Anderson's] return [not extant] Amounting to

[Old South Carolina] Currency

£77.0 .0

Sterling

£11.0.0

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received full Satisfaction for the within Accounts in Indent No. 2984 X by an order  
[no evidence of a signature]

[p 11: Repeat of the above information]

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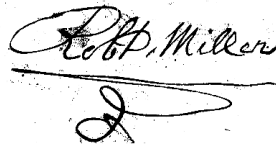
Petition of Robert Miller praying for a Pension  
Pensions

[p 13]

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina at  
Columbia

The petition of Robert Miller Humbly Sheweth that your petitioner served Several  
Towers [tours] of duty in the American Service during the revolutionary War – with Great Britain  
that he was in several Engagements with the Enemy. That whilst he was doing duty in Captain  
Robucks [George Roebuck's] Company under Colonel Thomas [John Thomas Junior]<sup>3</sup> at the  
Battle of Kings Mountain where the Corps under Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was  
Defeated, your petitioner Received a wound in one of his Thighs and the Ball passed through the  
upper part of his other Thigh. That fortunately he recovered from the said wound and did not  
think of applying to his country for any pecuniary assistance but now old age is coming on and  
your petitioner has to procure his Livelihood by his manual labor and the effects of the wound is  
severely felt and often renders him unable to follow his work Therefore your petitioner solicits  
your Honorable Body to make such provision for a wounded and Disabled Soldier as you in your  
wisdom may deem proper and your petitioner will ever pray &c

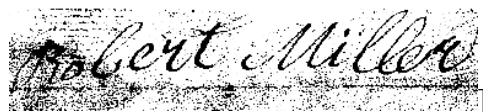
S/ Robt. Miller

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robt. Miller", with a horizontal line underneath it.

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the Documents accompanying this petition is in possession of the house of Representatives

[p 17: another version of the veteran's petition to the South Carolina Senate in almost identical  
words as the above petition but this 1 bearing the designation Chester District November 1816  
and being signed as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Miller", enclosed in a rectangular box.

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<sup>3</sup> Sic, Colonel John Thomas Junior was not at the battle of Kings Mountain. The company of Captain George  
Roebuck was under the command of Colonel Benjamin Roebuck at that engagement.

[p 19]

The State of South Carolina Chester District} James Kennedy and William White<sup>4</sup> appeared and made oath That they are well acquainted with Robert Miller of this District. That during the Revolutionary War he was in the Service of his Country fighting against the British forces, That in the month of October after the fall of Charleston he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain where Colonel Ferguson commander the party of British and Tories was Defeated and Killed, and that in said Engagement Robert Miller was Slightly wounded in one thigh, and the Ball passed through the upper part of his other thigh and that they seed him shortly after he received the wound on the same evening of the engagement

Sworn to & Signed November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1816

Before me

S/ J. Rosborough, J Q

S/ James Kennedy, X his mark

S/ William White

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William White". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[p 20]

Report of the Committee on pensions on the petition of Robert Miller Chester District  
Tomorrow

[p 21]

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Robert [Miller] of Chester District praying to be put on the pension list –

Report. That they have had the same under consideration and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that he be allowed [the] some of \_\_ per annum from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January

S/ C. Daniel, Chairman

November 29, 1816

[pp 22-25: Receipts showing disbursement of \$60 per annum to Robert Miller beginning June 4, 1818 and the last receipt being dated June 1, 1831]

[p 26]

The petition of William Miller & Robert H Miller Executors of Robert Miller, deceased, praying payments of arrearages of pension

Pension

Rejected

[p 27]

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives

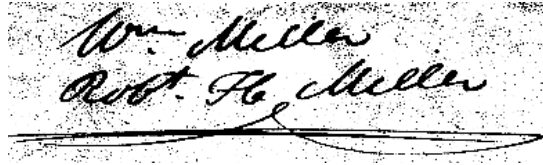
The humble petition of William Miller and Robert H Miller, Sheweth unto your Honorable bodies That their Father Robert Miller was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and that your Honorable body gave him a pension for his services as such, that he received his annual pension from the time his petition was granted up to March 1831 and that he died the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August

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<sup>4</sup> [William White W8995](#)

1831 making about 5 months and 12 days which your petitioners think in duty bound your Honorable body will pay, to your petitioners who are appointed in his last will and testament his Executors. In duty bound your petitioners will pray.

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1831



Wm. Miller  
Robt. H. Miller

[Copy]

South Carolina Chester District} Personally came before me John White, Abram White and James N. Knox and on oath say that they were present and saw Robert Miller, Senior, a corpse, who died on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1831, and that they have understood & believed that he was placed on the pension list.

Sworn to before me this

the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1831

S/ David Jamieson, JP

S/ James White

S/ Abraham White

S/ James N. Knox