

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mills¹ W5378 Ruth Mills

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Revolutionary Claims

Form of a Declaration to be made by the Officers

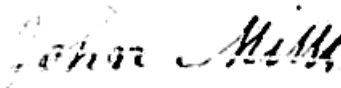
For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I John Mills of __, in the County of Ohio, in the State of Virginia do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such until the end of the War, at which period I was a Lieutenant in the 7th Regiment of the Virginia line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March, 1788, instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October, 1780.

~~And I do further declare, that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3rd day of March 1826,~~

Witness my hand this 11th day of December in the year 1828.

S/ John Mills



Before me Thomas Woods a justice of the peace in the County of Ohio in the State of Virginia, personally appeared, this day, John White and Solomon Kane, of said County, who did severally make oath that John Mills by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is generally reputed and believed to have been an officer in the Army of the Revolution, in manner as therein stated.

Witness my hand this 11th day of October in the year 1828

S/ T. Woods, JP

[p 5: On September 3, 1838 in Ohio County Virginia, Ruth Mills, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Mills, deceased, who was a Lieutenant of infantry in the Continental line in the revolutionary war and a pensioner under the 1828 act; that she married him September 13, 1785 and that her husband died December 23, 1833.

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[p 11: On September 22nd, 1838 in Ohio County Virginia, Lydia S. Cruger, late Lydia Shepherd, 69, gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of Ruth Shepherd and John Mills, who was an officer in the Continental line during the revolutionary war; that the wedding took place in the month of September 1785 in Ohio County Virginia; that Ruth Mills was the sister of Moses Shepherd, now deceased who was this deponent's former husband.

Lydia S Cruger

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[p 22: On February 21, 1839, Lydia S Cruger gave another affidavit in which she states again that she was present at the wedding of John Mills and Ruth Shepherd; that others present at that wedding were General Benjamin Biggs, James Mitchell, John McIntire, William Boggs, David Shepherd her father, and Moses Shepherd her brother, Mary McCulloch, Elizabeth McIntire & Rachel Crawford together with Richard Yates a magistrate who performed the marriage ceremony.]

[p 14: On October 16, 1843 in Ohio County Virginia, Jacob Gooding and John Thornburg made oath that they are the Committee of Ruth Mills, aged 77, who has been judicially ascertained to be a person of unsound mind.]