

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Miller ¹ W7453

Elizabeth Miller

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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The State of Tennessee County of Claiborne } SS

On this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared before the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for Claiborne County in the State of Tennessee, Martin Miller, a resident of said County of Claiborne, in said State of Tennessee, aged about seventy-two or seventy-three years as he supposes 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 year 1776 as well as he now recollects, with Richard Dehason Cook [sic, Richard Donaldson Cook] for three years and served in the __Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following Officers – He believes that the name of his Captain was Alexander Maban [Alexander Mebane], Lieutenant Nicholson [perhaps Robert Nicholson] and Ensign Pastors [probably Thomas Pasteur] were the balance of his Company Officers, his field officers as well as he recollects were Colonel Clark [Thomas Clark], and Major Peges, he left the service under this enlistment in the year 1779 as well as he recollects. He resided at the time of his enlistment in Granville County in the State of North Carolina. He states that during his Services, – He was in the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], and fought in said battle. In this battle he recollects, that General Nash [Francis Nash] was killed with a cannon ball, and the command was assumed by General Davidson, – He states that from Granville County, he was marched down through New Bern, and Halifax to Fredericksburg where he with the balance of the troops were inoculated with the smallpox – as soon as he recovered he was marched to head Quarters at Philadelphia – from this he was marched with the troops to various points as the position of the enemy required. He was marched through Baltimore, Lancaster, and a variety of towns that he cannot now recollect. He states that during the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] he was Stationed at Philadelphia – from this he was marched on to North Carolina, and at Halifax Courthouse in North Carolina he was discharged honorably from the service. His discharge he afterwards placed in the possession of Charles McDowell a member of the North Carolina Legislature, who as he informed this declarant lost it out of his possession. He states that by the terms of his enlistment he was entitled to a certain quantity of Land and that in the year 1807 he received a Land Warrant from the State of North Carolina in part Compensation for his Services. He further states that during the period of his enlistment, he was Stationed in winter Quarters at Valley Forge upon the River Schuylkill under General Washington.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

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Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ Martin Miller, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, that Martin Miller enlisted as a private Soldier in Captain Cook's Company of the 9th Regiment on the 22 December 1776 for three years, as a musician in September 1777, a private in February 1778 and discharged 27th January 1780

Given under my hand this 20 March 1833
S/ Wm Hill

[p 5: On September 2, 1850 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Elizabeth Miller, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Martin Miller, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that he died August 29, 1838; that she married him February 5, 1798 in Wilkes County North Carolina by the publication of bands. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On May 31, 1855 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Elizabeth Miller, aged 74, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; in addition to the information contained in her pension application she states that her name prior to her marriage was "Eizath Gideons." She signed this document with her mark. This document was witnessed by Eli Miller and William Miller whose relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.

 Eli Miller
William Miller]

[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 Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[Another version]

Pension Application of Martin Miller, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll, 1729, Application #W7453

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Claiborne County, Tennessee, September 17th, 1832, Martin Miller, aged about 72 years:

“That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year of **1776**, as well as he now recollects, with Richard ?Dohason? Cook, for three years and served in the __ [blank in original] Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following officers: He believes that the name of his captain was Alexander Mebane. Lieutenant Nicholson and Ensign Pastors were the balance of his company's officers. His field officers as well as he recollects, were Colonel Clark and Major Pogue. He left the service under this enlistment in the year of 1779 as well as he recollects. He resided at the time of this enlistment in Granville County in the state of North Carolina.”

“He states that during his services, he was in the Battle at Germantown and fought in said

battle. In this battle, he recollects that General Nash was killed with a cannon ball and the command was assumed by General Davidson. He states that from Granville County he was marched down through Newbern [sic, New Bern] and Halifax to Fredericksburg, when he, with the balance of the troops, were inoculated for the small pox. So soon as he recovered, he was marched to headquarters at Philadelphia. From there he was marched with the troops to various points as the position of the enemy required. He was marched through Baltimore, Lancaster and a variety of towns that he cannot now recollect. He states that during the Battle at Brandywine, he was stationed at Philadelphia. From this he was marched on to South Carolina and at Halifax Courthouse in North Carolina, he was discharged honorably from the service. His discharge he afterwards placed in the possession of Charles McDowell, a member of the North Carolina Legislature, who as he informed this declarant lost it out of his possession. He states that by the terms of his enlistment he was entitled to a certain quantity of land and that in the year of 1807 he received a land Warrant from the State of North Carolina in part compensation for his services. He further states that during the period of his enlistment, he was stationed in winter quarters at Valley Forge upon the River Schuylkill under General Washington.”