

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Miller¹ W7454

Ann Miller

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[Franklin County Ohio]

Thomas Miller aged fifty-eight deposeth and saith that on the 3rd day of March 1777 he was commissioned as an Ensign in the first company of the Eighth Regiment of the Virginia line of troops on Continental Establishment – Said Commission was signed by John Jay Esquire President William Darke was then Captain of said Company, and Colonel Bowman [Abraham Bowman] commanded the Regiment which was attached to General Charles Scott's Brigade – This deponent performed the duties of an Ensign in said Company in the service of the United States, as near as he recollects till the 24th day of September 1778 when the 4th and 8th Regiment in the Virginia line of troops on Continental establishment were United and reduced to one Regiment called the 4th Regiment of the line aforesaid, and this deponent was promoted to the Rank of 2nd Lieutenant, but never commissioned as such – This deponent served as Lieutenant in said company in said Regiment and line, from the time of his promotion aforesaid till the close of the Revolutionary War, and was honorably discharged by proclamation at the "point of forks of James River" in Virginia. This deponent fought as an Ensign in the service of the United States at the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and as a Lieutenant the Battles of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], Guilford [March 15, 1781], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], &c. This deponent with the other officers of the detachment received the thanks of Congress, through General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], for their good conduct and bravery at the action of the Cowpens. This deponent was severely wounded at the siege of Ninety Six [May-June 1781] and also at Eutaw Springs, as may appear from the Returns made to the Board of War, then sitting at Philadelphia, but has never applied for, or received any pension from the United States. This deponent's Commission as an Ensign aforesaid, he has lost or left at some former place of residence, not considering it at that time of any service to him. This deponent received a final settlement Certificate from Andrew Dunscomb Commissioner, after the close of the war which he sold for a house and lot in Richmond in Virginia. This deponent has no [indecipherable word]² evidence within his power at present to prove his services aforesaid, but thinks his name will appear from the Returns aforesaid, or some of the Records in the public offices at Washington.

This deponent is now a resident citizen of Franklin County in the State of Ohio, and is in reduced and indigent circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support.

¹ BLWt1510-200—Lieut. Issued Dec. 19, 1791 to Daniel Parker assignee No Papers

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S/ Thomas Miller {Seal}



[Attested May 2, 1818 in Franklin County Ohio.]

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State of Ohio Ross County: SS: Court of Common Pleas Ross County

On this 21st day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record for said County Thomas Miller aged sixty-one years late and Ensign in the Revolutionary War resident in Chillicothe in said County of Ross who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as an Ensign under the commission signed by John Jay President of the then Congress of the United States dated 3rd March 1777 and was promoted to the office of Lieutenant 23 September 1778 and continued in service till the close of the war in the Company commanded by Captain William Darke in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman, General Scott's Brigade of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, that he applied at the war Office and received a pension certificate in rolling him on the Ohio agency at the rate of \$20 per month commencing 2nd day of May 1818 Numbered 10,538. And 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, to wit, a Reed walking cane & an old pair of spectacles worth one dollar. That I am by reason of wounds received in the revolutionary war unable to work, and that for some years past I have pursued the occupation and employment of a School-master but of late from loss of sight and declining health am unable to follow that employment that I lived as a boarder & have no family or connections on whom I can rely for support.

S/ Thomas Miller

[p 5: On October 22, 1838 in Pittsylvania County Virginia, Ann Miller, aged 71 or 72, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Miller, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband was a native of Cecil County Virginia where he yet has surviving sisters Agnes Williams and Debra Miller and one brother John M Miller all now living near Farmington post office in Cecil County Maryland; that she was married to the veteran in Chesterfield County Virginia August 7, 1784; that her brothers Archer Ball ("for many years deprived of his reason") and Isham Ball were both too young to remember the wedding; that she and her husband initially lived in Cecil County Maryland with her husband's father and his family; then moved back to Chesterfield County Virginia; that her husband died July 16 or 17, 1821 in Chillicothe in the State of Ohio.

Ann Miller]

[p 12: copy of a marriage bond issued in Chesterfield County Virginia on August 6, 1784 to Thomas Miller and Matthew Cheatham conditioned on the marriage of Thomas Miller to Ann Ball.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 8th day of May 1783, in the name of Thomas Miller, as a Lieutenant of Infantry for £137.2.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To wit – pay as Ensign from 16th March 77 to 4 April 78 and as Lieutenant from 4 April 78 to 31st December 1781.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
__ day of ____ .

S/ A, W. Morton, 1st Clk
Auditor absent

I also further certify that it appears from a List of Officers names who have received Certificates for one and two years advanced pay agreeable to Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781 – That a certificate issued on the 13th day of February 1782 for £228.0.0 in the name of Thomas Miller a Lieutenant of Infantry in the Continental Line which certificate appears to have delivered to Lieutenant Norwell.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office
Richmond this 13th day of August 1838

S/ A, W. Morton, 1st Clk
Auditor absent

[p 23: Samuel T. Miller, son of the veteran, makes reference to his late uncle William C. Miller of Cecil County, MD, executor of the estate of the late Samuel Miller, father of William C. Miller and Thomas Miller and grandfather of the affiant.

Samuel T. Miller]

[p 30: On November 10, 1838 in Powhatan County Virginia, Isham Ball gave testimony that he is the youngest of 9 children of his parents James and Susan Ball late of Chesterfield County Virginia; that Ann (Nancy) Ball was there 4th child

Isham Ball]

[facts in file: Ann or Nancy Ball, the widow, was the daughter of James and Susan Ball; Thomas Miller was the son of Samuel Miller.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing May 2, 1818, for service as an Ensign in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for his service as a Lieutenant.]