

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Milford ¹ W8277

Grizzella Milford f41SC

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District:

On this Thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord 1855 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate in & for said District, Mrs. Grizzella Milford a resident of said District & State aged Eighty-seven 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed February 3rd 1853: That she is from old age & bodily infirmity unable to appear at the Court House of this District to make her declaration in open Court under said Act; That she is the widow of William Milford or Millford who was a private in the war of the Revolution, and entered the service of his Country under the following officers and served as herein after stated as this deponent has been informed & believes; That during the war aforesaid her said husband lived in what was then Ninety Six, & now in part Abbeville District, in this State and entered the militia of this State under the command of Captain Armstrong Herd in the Stono expedition in this State in 1779 which expedition was under the command of General Andrew Williamson & Colonel Richard Richardson and was for the term of three months: This was cavalry service: That the next year (1780) he again joined the militia of this State in the cavalry and under the command of Captain John Calhoun and Captain Freeman [William Freeman] in which service he was out about nine months and on foot some four months which being performed in tours brought his militia service down to the year 1783 and he probably served under Captain John Irwin of the same section: That her said husband was from the same section of Country with Captains Herd, Calhoun & Freeman & lived near the families of Sample & Moore near Swansey Ferry on Saluda River in this District and the service under Captains Calhoun & Freeman must have been performed under General Andrew Pickens & Colonel Robert Anderson who belonged to the same part of the State & were active Whig officers: That this deponent was acquainted with William Moore who was Justice of the Peace of same section with the above named persons, viz., her husband, his Captains & General Pickens & Colonel Anderson. That her said husband lived in the same section until his death in this District on the 8th of November 1810. That he had three brothers Thomas,² John³ & Henry Milford the first two of whom also served in the war and drew pensions in their lifetime: That she was before marriage Grizzella McKee and married said William Milford on the 12th day of August 1802:

¹ BLWt61305-160-55

² [Thomas Milford S21375](#)

³ [John Milford S21885](#)

but that she has lost her original family record having the date of her marriage set down in her family Record of Recent date; That Joseph Milford her husband's half-brother & George Milford a relative were at her infair [sic ?], and that she was married by Hugh Wardlaw a Justice of the Peace. That she has never intermarried since her husband's death & is now said William Milford's widow, all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proofs here with & hereafter to be submitted.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written Before me
S/ William Clinkscales, Magistrate

S/ Grizzella Milford, X her mark

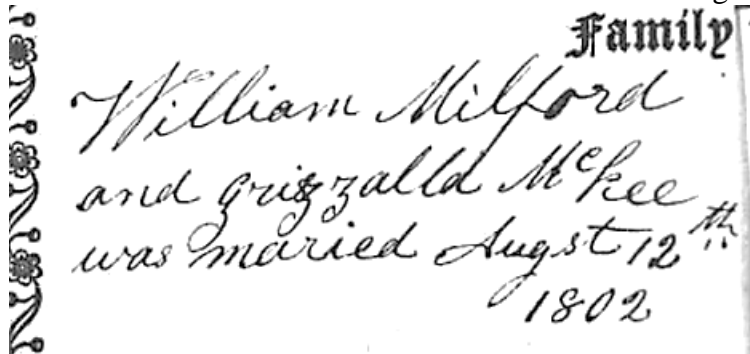
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State of South Carolina District of Abbeville: On this 23rd day of March A.D. 1857 personally appeared before me a Magistrate within and for the District & State aforesaid, Mrs. Grizzella Milford aged nearly eighty-nine years who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of William Milford deceased who was a private footmen and horseman in the Companies commanded by Captains Armstrong Herd and John Calhoun and Captain Freeman under Colonel Richard Richardson & Generals Andrew Williamson & Andrew Pickens of the South Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary war declared by the United States against Great Britain, and that this declarant now receives a pension under act of Congress of 3rd February 1853 as the widow of her said husband, to her application for which she refers for all the particulars of her said husband's services &c -- She further states that she was married to the said William Milford in this District & State on the 12th day of August A.D. 1802 by one Hugh Wardlaw a Justice of the Peace and that her name before her said marriage was Grizzella McKee; that her said husband died in this District & State on the 8th day of November AD 1810 and that she has ever since been & now is his widow, for proof of all of which facts she refers to her said pension application. She makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd 1855 & of May 15 1836. And she further declares that she has not received or applied for bounty land under this or any other Act of Congress other than as hereby.

S/ Grizzella Milford, X her mark

[p 11: family record]

William Milford and Grizzella McKee was married August 12th 1802



The image shows a handwritten entry in a family record book. The text is written in cursive and is enclosed in a decorative border on the left side. The text reads: "Family William Milford and Grizzella McKee was married Augst 12th 1802". The word "Family" is written in a larger, bolder script at the top of the entry.

Jane McKee was born May 11th 1748

William Milford was born May 11th 1751

Grizzella Milford was born August 15 1768

Cthorine Milford was born September 25 1781

Margret Milford was born May 15 1783
 Robert Milford was born October 25 1789
 Marthew Milford was born July the 15th 1792
 Jane Dixon Milford was born August 27 1804
 William Milford Decs [sic] November 8th 1810

Family Record.

June M^{re} was born
 may 15 - - - 1783
 William Milford was
 born may 25 - - 1789
 Grizzella Milford was
 born august 15 - 1768
 Catherine Milford was
 born september 25
 1781
 Margret Milford was
 born may 15 - 1783
 Robert Milford was
 born october 25 - 1789
 Marthew Milford was born
 July 15 - - - 1792
 Jane Dixon Milford was
 born august 27 - - 1804

William Milford
 Decs November 8th 1810

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: Personally appeared before me an acting Magistrate in and for said District, Joseph Milford who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical person who testified last April about his brother William Milford deceased and his widow the present Grizzella Milford: That he has a record of his birth which was made by his father which shows that that event to have taken place on the 13th of October 1784. That although he did not know of his own personal knowledge that his said brother William was living in this District during the Revolutionary War yet he is certain from all the family said, & about his services in the war that such was the fact. This he learned both from his brother & from his parents & all the family and deponent is positive that from his very earliest recollection extending almost to infancy his said brother lived in this District & was the only man of his name

in the same who was old enough to have been capable of bearing arms in said war and that said brother dead from his earliest recollection enjoyed the undisputed reputation of having so serve throughout this community. That this deponent knows also that James Sample, Captain John Calhoun & John & William Moore both Justices of the peace all belonged to the same neighborhood with his brother and this deponent now knows of no older person than himself who lived here then unless it is the widow more who is not now in this immediate community. Sworn & subscribed the 28th day of July 1856 and deponent further saith that he is wholly disinterested in giving this testimony.

S/ Joseph Milford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Milford". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 22: On August 16, 1856, Mrs. Catharine Cunningham of Anderson District South Carolina gave an affidavit in support of the application of Grizzella Milford in which the affiant states that she is the daughter of William Milford by his first marriage; that she was born on September 25, 1781 in Abbeville district; that her mother's maiden name was Sample and that she died in 1795 or 1796; she also names the brothers and half brother of her father as named above. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 30: On August 30, 1855 in Abbeville District South Carolina, George Milford, 72, gave testimony that he knew his uncles Thomas & William Milford; that Thomas Milford and the affiant's father John Milford drew pensions for this service in the revolution; that William Milford lived near Swansy's Ferry in Abbeville district in the same community with Captains Armstrong Herd and John Calhoun & John Irwin.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Milford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a closing bracket.]

[pp 40-41: South Carolina Comptroller General's report on the services of William Milford during the revolution and his claim for reimbursement for a horse impressed by Captain Armstrong Herd.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50.83 per annum for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]