

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Miles W8456

Mary Miles

f75VA

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State of Kentucky Washington County Sct.

Be it remembered that on this 23rd day of January in the year 1840 before James Graves a justice of the peace in and for the County of Washington and State of Kentucky personally appeared at her own house in said County and State Mary Miles a resident of said County and State aged 73 years; who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration on oath in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, to wit. That she is now 73 years of age and is a resident of Washington County and State of Kentucky. That she is the widow of Michael Miles deceased – and that she was lawfully married to the said Michael Miles in the County of Kentucky (she thinks) in the then State of Virginia: it was near to where the present city of Louisville now stands, at the house of Squire Hansbury at Colonel Floyd's Station in Bear grass in the latter part of the year 1781 or early in the year 1782. She cannot certainly recollect which though there was snow on the ground at the time of her marriage. That her husband Michael Miles was an officer in the Army of the Revolution of the rank of Adjutant at the time of her marriage. That he acted and perform service as such in the Army before and after her marriage under General Geo Rodgers Clark [George Rogers Clark]. That he was in the service at the time of her marriage and remained in the service until peace was made between the United States & Great Britain and the troops disbanded. She recollects and states that she was 14 years of age at the time of her marriage. That she was escorted by a guard of Soldiers from the Fort at the falls of the Ohio (the place of her father's Thomas Harrison's residence) to the house as before said where her marriage took place. She states that she has understood that Squire Hansbury and all his family are dead, most of them having been killed by the Indians – That she knows of no certificate in record of her marriage – nor of the birth of her child. That she never had but one child, that it was born soon after the troops were disbanded and in the same year. And that it lived a little more than two months. That her husband the aforesaid Michael Miles died about forty-five years ago at French Broad [River]. She don't recollect the precise year it has been so long ago. That she has remained his widow – ever since his death. She further states that she does not now recollect that her husband ever had any papers showing his rank as an officer – the time he served or where he was discharged – if he ever had any they are now lost. She also states that she has been living in Washington County Kentucky for about 48 years, that she is now old and feeble. So much so that she is unable to ride or go from home so as to make her declaration in Court. She further states that she does not know the Regiment in which her husband served, but it was in the Army under General George Rogers Clark. She cannot state all the service performed, but she recollects that after her marriage her said husband was with the Army a considerable time the on the Ohio against the Indians. She

thinks against the Pickaway towns and the Chillicothes, and that he was absent on that expedition during the time of General Clark's engagement.

S/ Mary Miles



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State of Kentucky Marion County Sct.

The affidavit of James Whitecotton¹ of Marion County Kentucky a revolutionary Soldier and pensioner taken at his own house this 23rd Day of January 1840 before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County in support of the foregoing declaration of Mary Miles for a pension under the act of Congress July the 4th 1836. Said Affiant being now in his ninetieth year and first duly sworn on oath states that he was in the Army at the taking of Kaskaskia by General George Rogers Clark, that whilst he was there Colonel John Montgomery with some forces joined General Clark among whom was Michael Miles the same person spoke of in the declaration of Mary Miles, who was at that time Sergeant major in the Army of the revolution, and continued to act as such until sometime afterwards when he and some other forces were sent back to the falls of the Ohio. He knew said Miles well whilst in the Services at Kaskaskia and understood afterwards that he was married to Mary Harrison, that he is well acquainted with said Mary who is the same person named in the foregoing declaration signed by Mary Miles. That he has known said Mary for about 45 years and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Michael Miles – which took place about 45 years ago. That she is a woman of credibility.

S/ James Whitecotton

[p11: Ruth Whitecotton, 75, gave a separate affidavit in support of the widow's claim.



[p 12: Affidavit dated January 24, 1840 given in Marion County Kentucky by Thomas G Harrison, 70, brother of the widow, in which she supports the statements made by her in her application adding that he knew that Michael Miles served as Sergeant Major in the Army commanded by Colonel John Montgomery at Fort Jefferson or Kaskaskia; that after the marriage of his sister to Michael Miles, they moved from the Falls of Ohio to Ben Lynn's Station [Benjamin Logan's?] station in popular neck 3 miles South of where Bardstown now stands to the house of Captain Philemon Waters, her brother-in-law; that while living with said Warders Mary had a child which lived only about 2 months; that he affiant moved to Sovereigns Run in the neighborhood of Springfield Kentucky and never saw Michael Myers afterwards.



¹ [James Whitecotton \(Whitecotton\) S30780](#)

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State of Kentucky Washington County Sct.

On this 17th day of August 1840 Personally appeared before me James Graves a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Washington and State aforesaid Mary Miles a resident of said County of Washington and State aforesaid aged seventy-three years old 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 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Michael Miles deceased who entered the service of his country during the Revolutionary War as Sergeant Major as early as the 14th May 1780 in the Company commanded by Captain John Bailey in the Illinois Regiment he continued as Sergeant Major in said Company until he was appointed as adjutant to said Regiment which office he held to the end of the War, as will more fully appear by reference to documents marked A & B here with file. She further declares that she was married to the said Michael Miles in the now County of Jefferson in the State of Kentucky by Squire Hansberry [Squire Hansbury?] at Floyd's Station at what was then called the falls of Ohio but now Louisville which marriage took place in the month of December 1781 or in the month of January or February 1782. She knows of no record of her marriage nor of the age of her child never having had but one and that lived but a short time, nor does she at this time recollect of any person now living that was at her wedding except her Brother Thomas G Harrison, If there ever was any public record of her marriage she is informed they were long since destroyed by fire. She further declares that her Husband the aforesaid Michael Miles died about 40 or 45 years since on French Broad [River] and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Mary Miles, X her mark

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Fort Nelson 16 October 1782

Garrison Orders

Mr. J. Moore is appointed assistant Quarter Master to this Post: Sergeant Major Miles is appointed Adjutant: Sergeant Frazer is appointed Sergeant Major and are to be paid as such.

A true copy taken
the orderly book

Geo. Walls [George Walls]
Majr. Comdt.

S/ H. Clark

Fort Nelson 1st May 1783

Garrison Orders

Captain George & Lieutenant William Clark all requested to make an accurate Survey of all of the Military Stores at this Post and make a return thereof to the Commanding Officer: and take Mr. Miles' account for the same, who is appointed Conductor of Military Stores at this Post & is to be respected as such

A true copy taken
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[Facts in file: The widow died September 9, 1854. The file contains several additional affidavits given by the Whitecottons and by Thomas G. Harrison which may be of interest to those

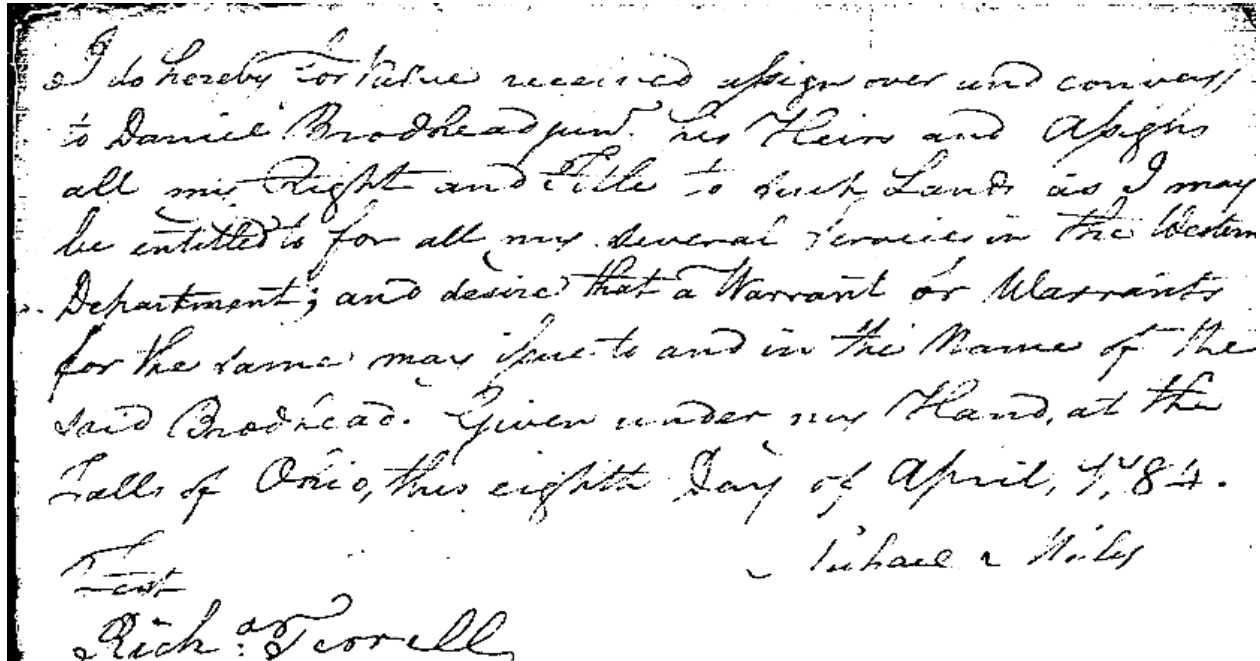
interested in them or the Miles family.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$292.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Sergeant for 12 ½ months; & as adjutant for 6 ½ months; & 5 months as Conductor of Military stores.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby for value received a sign over and conveyed to Daniel Brodhead Junior his Heirs and Assigns all my right and title to such Lands as I may be entitled to for all my several services in the Western Department; and desire that a Warrant or Warrants for the same may issue to and be in the name of the said Brodhead. Given under my hand at the falls of Ohio, this 8th day of April 1784

S/ Michael Miles

A handwritten document in cursive script, enclosed in a rectangular border. The text is a legal declaration of land conveyance. It reads: "I do hereby for value received a sign over and conveyed to Daniel Brodhead Junr. his Heirs and Assigns all my right and title to such Lands as I may be entitled to for all my several services in the Western Department; and desire that a Warrant or Warrants for the same may issue to and in the Name of the said Brodhead. Given under my Hand, at the Falls of Ohio, this eighth Day of April, 1784." Below the main text, there are two signatures: "Rich: Scovell" on the left and "Michael Miles" on the right, with a flourish under the name Miles.

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