

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Miller W8459

Elizabeth Miller

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[p 11]

State of Kentucky County of Jessamine Sgt.

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting Francis Miller a resident of the County of Jessamine & State of Kentucky aged 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated –

That in the year 1780 he entered the service of the United States as a drafted soldier & marched from Culpeper County in the State of Virginia where he then resided towards the South he served two months & was honorably discharged but by whom he is not now able to state being old & frail of memory nor is he able to state now the names of any of his officers in the spring of 1781 he served another tour of two months under Captain John Waugh & Colonel James Slaughter from the County of Culpeper we marched to Petersburg where I saw the smoke of the warehouse fired by the British and marched from thence as well as I now recollect to a place called Broadway we returned back above Petersburg we met a party of coming to our relief I was then honorably discharged & returned home. In the fall of the same year he entered the service as a drafted soldier in the light horse & was stationed at the mouth of Quinn's [?]<sup>1</sup> Creek where I saw a British vessel capture one of ours. I was then sent to the Governor as an express we were then ordered seven miles further up York River where we were stationed. There I was in hearing of the Cannon of the Siege of York for 16 or 18 Days when York was Surrendered [October 19, 1781]. We were discharged & returned home. I served this tour two months my Captain as well as I now recollect was Joel Yearly I recollect a Sergeant by the name of Absalom Bradley – upon being further interrogated by the Court that he has no record of his age but has preserved it in his memory from what he was told when young – He states that when called into service he was then living in the State of Virginia Culpeper County & removed from Culpeper in 1795 to Jessamine County Kentucky where I have lived ever since & now live – he served always as a drafted soldier the names of his officers he has stated in the body of his Declaration as far as he recollects & all of them and the general circumstances of his Deponent Campaigns – That each time he was drafted for two months & stayed in the service till he was discharged but from whom he received his discharge he is not able to state & states that he has long since lost [them]. – He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service.

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<sup>1</sup> *Quinn's*

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.  
Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Francis Miller, X his mark

[H. T. N Benedict, a clergyman, Samuel Miller and Alexander Willaby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 22: On April 28, 1843 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Elizabeth Miller, 82, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Francis Miller, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband died October 19, 1839; that she married him in 1781 or 1782 she cannot remember precisely the date; she has no papers or family records giving the date of her marriage; that she was married to him prior to his leaving the service. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 4: On November 13, 1843 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Merriman F Miller of said County and state made oath that he is the youngest child of Francis Miller and Elizabeth Miller his widow; that he is the 12<sup>th</sup> child of his parents; that he is 39 years old as of the 29<sup>th</sup> of August last; that his oldest sister was named Polly and would be 58 or 9 years of age if still living; that his parents lived together as husband and wife until his father died October 19, 1839; that he believes his parents were married about the year 1782; that the only record the family has of the ages of the children is in a leaf of a testament which contains only six names commencing with Elizabeth that the; that said leaf has been delivered to his mother's attorney C. H. Trabue.

S/ M. F. Miller

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "M. F. Miller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ M. F. Miller".

<p><i>Elizabeth Miller was born January the 27. 1787</i></p>	<p>Elizabeth Miller was born January 27 1787</p>
<p><i>Caty Miller was born February the 28. 1797</i></p>	<p>Caty Miller was born February the 28 1797</p>
<p><i>Mason Miller was born October the 27. 1798</i></p>	<p>Mason Miller was born October the 27 1798 [??]</p>
<p><i>Patsey Miller was born September the 27. 1802</i></p>	<p>Patsey Miller was born September the 27 1802</p>
<p><i>William Miller was born June the 23. 1803</i></p>	<p>William Miller was born June the 23 1803</p>
<p><i>Merimon F. Miller was born the August the 20. 1804</i></p>	<p>Merimon F. Miller was born August the 20 1804</p>

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]