

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Miles W9567 Polly Miles

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4th Judicial District of Kentucky

On this 3rd day of November 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for the said district personally appeared John Miles aged 59 years resident in Henry County in said District who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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 that he the said John Miles enlisted in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia on the 15th of January 1777 in the Company commanded by Captain John Gillison of the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] of General Weeding [George Weedon's] Brigade Belonging to the Virginia line and that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the month of January 1787 when he was Discharged from the Service in Trenton State of New Jersey by Colonel Samuel Hawes and that he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and at the Storming of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence of his said services than accompanies this.

S/ Silas M. Noel, C. Q.

Henry County Sct.

Personally appeared before me Silas M. Noel Judge &c as aforesaid Henry Carter¹ who after being duly sworn states that he was acquainted with John Miles and that he served as a private in Captain John Gillison's Company as stated in his Certificate and that he has known the said Miles ever since and that he is in reduced Circumstances.

Sworn to before me

S/ S. M. Noel, C. Q.

[p 9: On May 13, 1839 in Montgomery County Indiana, Polly Miles, 73, formerly a resident of Henry County Kentucky made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Miles a pensioner in Henry County Kentucky for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Culpeper County Virginia January 1, 1784; that her husband died October 9, 1828; and that she remains his widow; that she has no record of her marriage but she has a family record left in the possession of her son John Miles in Henry County Kentucky.]

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¹ [Henry Carter W8586](#)

Family record

William Miles born September the 3rd day 1784
Elizabeth Miles born October the 14th day 1786
Benjamin Miles born November the 28th Day 1788
James Mills born November the 11th day 1790
John Mills born January the 23rd day 1792
Wats Mills born February the 14th day 1794
Alice Miles born February the 25th day 1796
Ann Miles born December the 3rd day 1799
Jefferson and Thomas Miles born June 28th 1800
George Miles born November 10th 1807]

[p 19: Own April 18, 1839 in Henry County Kentucky, John Miles gave testimony that he is the 4th child of his parents; that he is in possession of the family record in the hand writing of John Greenwood for the first 8 children; the other 3 children's births are in the hand writing of his father John Miles.]

[Facts in file: The widow's name prior to her marriage was Mary (Polly) Duvall; the widow died June 30, 1855; in 1839, the veterans son Jefferson Miles was living in Montgomery County Indiana; Reuben Miles, born July 26, 1765 in 1839 gave testimony while living in Shelby County Kentucky that he was present at the marriage of John Miles and Polly Duvall, the relationship, if any, of Reuben Miles to the family is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 5, 1818, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]