

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Miller<sup>1</sup> W9569

Margaret Miller

f87VA

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State of Ohio Ross County SS

It remembered that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the associate Judges of the County aforesaid personally came Jacob Miller a resident of Jefferson County State of Kentucky 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 Jacob Miller enlisted in the Service of the United States for the term of 18 months so well as he recollects in the spring of the year 1781 at first in the company commanded by Captain Kirkpatrick which was afterwards commanded by Captain Luke Cannon belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Posey of the Virginia line on Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the conclusion of the war when he was discharged in the State of Virginia – Which discharge with his other effects he has lost by fire, that he was at the Siege of York and afterwards marched to the southward – that he is now sixty-four years of age, infirm and in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and in Addition to the above statement of facts made by himself he here with transmits the deposition of General Samuel Finley<sup>2</sup> who was a Major in the Corps in which he served.

S/ Jacob Miller, X his mark

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Chillicothe October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1819

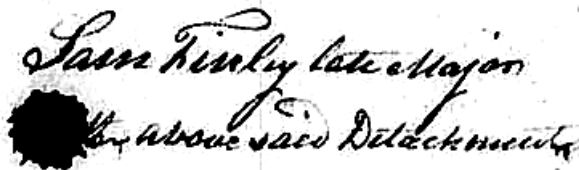
Jacob Miller [text blotted out] who makes application for the benefit of the late act of Congress, was a private in Captain Luke Cannon's Company of Infantry belonging to Colonel Thomas Posey's detachment of the Virginia Continental Line, which marched in the spring of 1782, from Cumberland Old Court House in Virginia to the State of Georgia, and served there, under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], until the evacuation of that State by the British Troops, when the Army of Georgia joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army at Ashley hill in South Carolina, where he continued in service until the termination of the War, when he was honorably discharged; which discharge, he says, was destroyed with everything he had, by the burning of John Grim's House in Winchester Virginia. The said Jacob Miller, after being attached to Captain Cannon's Company, served more than twelve months in the detachment.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt13717-160-55

<sup>2</sup> FPA W10026

S/ Sam Finley, late Major  
[in] the above said Detachment

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Finley late Major" on the top line and "the above said Detachment" on the bottom line. There is a dark, circular ink smudge or stamp over the beginning of the second line.

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State of Kentucky. Be it remembered that at a County Court held for Jefferson County in the State aforesaid at the Court-House in the Town of Louisville, in the 29<sup>th</sup> year of our Commonwealth,

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County by the Common law and statute law of this state Jacob Miller aged sixty-five years resident in said County who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. He entered in Captain Ab. Kirkpatrick's [Abraham Kirkpatrick] Company of which Captain Luke Cannon soon after took the command in the Regiment or detachment commanded by Colonel Tho. Posey [Thomas Posey], to which Samuel Finley was Major, all of the Virginia line on Continental establishment in the summer 1781. He was at the siege of York & then marched to the southward & served to the end of the war.

The number of his pension is 16.859, and the date of his original application was the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 1819 –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 viz., two horses, the one eighteen years old, the other seven years old, two cows and one calf, three heifers, twenty-one hogs, ten of them large, two sheep, one Bureau, one table, one cupboard, six split bottom chairs, six knives & forks, twelve delf plates, one ten gallon cast iron kettles, three gallon cook pot, a small Dutch oven & a skillet & a shovel plow – & one weeding hoe.

The declarant is by occupation a farmer – his wife aged about 58 years of age – she is generally complaining –her health is not good – he has failed much in 2 or 3 years past – he has living with him five children, three of them daughters – the oldest son is named George aged about 29 years this son is now & has been a cripple for 18 years by having his hip put out of place. His other son named Isaac aged about twenty-two years – this son labors for himself – the names of his daughters are Mary, Teny & Eliza aged respectively about twenty-five years, eighteen & thirteen – the second one Teny is a cripple & has been so for thirteen years. The children not mentioned as cripples are healthy as ordinary persons. Sworn to and declared on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 before the Court aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Miller, X his mark

[p 55: On May 19, 1827 in Montgomery County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of

his pension benefit to the Indiana agency stating as his reason for moving from Kentucky to Indiana so as to be near his children for their support.]

[p 10: On October 6, 1840, in Montgomery County Indiana, Margaret Miller, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob Miller who departed this life in 1839; that she married him April 1, 1787 and that her husband died July 25, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 27: in a document dated December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1844, filed in Montgomery County Indiana, the widow stated that she married her husband in the year 1784.]

[p 13: On April 23, 1855 in Montgomery County Indiana, the widow, 89, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jacob Miller; in this document she states she was married to him in Frederick County Virginia in April 1785 by a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Dick; that her husband died in Crawfordsville in Montgomery County Indiana July 25, 1839.]

[Facts in file: In the letter summarizing the contents of this file, note is made that the widow was born between the years 1762 and 1768, conflicting dates having appeared in the documents in this file; that the oldest child of the veteran and his wife was named John who was born one or 2 years after his parents were married and was deceased by 1844; George Miller died July 14, 1846 in Crawfordsville Indiana.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 14, 1819, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836.]