

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Miller ¹ W9996

Rhoda Miller

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State of Tennessee Carroll County:

On this 16 day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid now sitting Frederick Miller a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Seventy Two years the 25th day of June last 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated to the best of his recollection.

The declarant states that he cannot read English and has no distinct recollection of the dates when he performed the Service as hereinafter stated the declarant states that about the year 1779 perhaps in the month of March he entered the service in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina Rendezvoused at Salisbury in said County under command of Col. Armstrong & Major Armstrong we marched to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County there I was placed in Capt. Kennedy's [Thomas Kennedy's] Company after we lived there General Butler [John Butler] took command we marched within about 7 miles of Stono River where we joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army I was in the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] while the Army remained there I was attached to the light infantry under command of Col. Malmooda [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] and was frequently scouring in different directions once to Augusta in Georgia before the battle of Stono after the battle we were marched to Savannah River where we had a skirmish with the British vessels and then retreated to the Army for this service I received a discharge a part of which is enclosed the balance is lost this service was about four months.

In the year 1781 one month & 7 days under Col. Isaacs [Elijah Isaacs] and Capt. Ausburn [James Osborn] as will be seen by the enclosed discharge. Shortly after this declarant states that he joined the light horse under command of Col. Lopp and served 3 months in this service we passed more or less through the following Counties (viz.) Rowan, Randolph, Chatham, Stokes, Wilkes and Guilford we had 2 skirmishes with the Tories during this service the declarant states that he received a discharge from Col. Lopp for the service but it cannot be found.

Some time after this declarant states that he was ordered out under Col. Lopp to guard the prisoners from the North Carolina line to the Virginia line passed through Charlotte in

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Mecklenburg County Salisbury Rowan County Salem in Stokes County and to the Virginia line at Dan River the declarant states that he does not recollect the precise period but thinks a month or more for this service declarant do not recollect whether he received a discharge or not but cannot find any declarant states that he lived in a neighborhood of Tories where he was not safe when at home that he was frequently called out with small parties after the Tories that he was for some time in Capt. Billingsley's Company operating against the Tories in Rowan & the adjoining Counties the dates & precise period of service not recollected but thinks it must have been exceeding one month for which services he received no discharge to his recollection. The declarant states that he has no documentary evidence of his service except the enclosed discharge is before mentioned and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Questions

by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A: In the State of Pennsylvania & in the year 1760 as my parents have told me.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: When called into service I lived in Rowan County State of North Carolina I continued there till about the year 1795 when I removed to Sumner County State of Tennessee where I resided till the year 1822 from there I moved to Carroll County in the Western district of the State of Tennessee where I now reside.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A: I volunteered except one Tower & that time I was drafted I was never a substitute

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: I do not recollect the names of any officers particularly except those mentioned in my declaration, in which I also mentioned the General Circumstances of my service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: I do not recollect of receiving but one or perhaps 2 sides those enclosed one of Col. Lopp & if I received a 2nd it was also from Col. Lopp neither of which I can find

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A: Thomas Hamilton, Robert Wilson, Wilson Dinwiddie, William S. Rogers, Witheral Latimer, Andrew Dinwiddie, James Stockerd and Barry Gillespie.

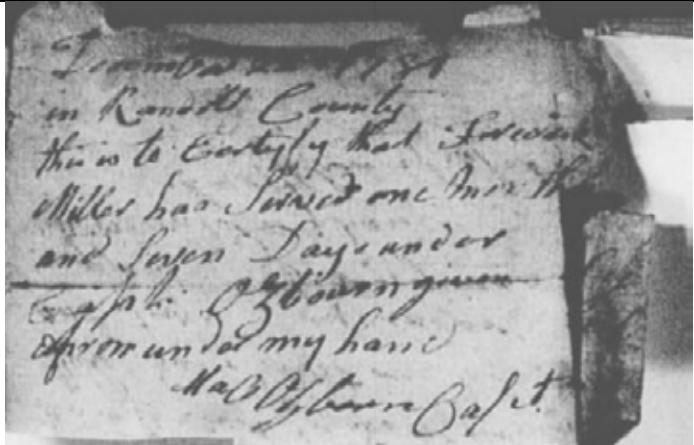
Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 16th of October 1832

S/ James H. Gee, Clk

S/ Frederick Miller, X his mark

[Thomas A. Young, clergyman, and William S. Rogers and Barry Gillespie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<p>December 24 [?], 1781 in Randolt [Randolph] County this is to Certify that Frederick Miller has Served one Month and Seven Days under Captain Ozbourn given from under my hand Mal. Ozborn Capt. [?]</p>	
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State of Tennessee Carroll County: June Sessions 1833 of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

Be it remembered that on this day the 12th June 1833 Personally appeared in open Court Frederick Miller and filed the following as his amended declaration for a pension to the one heretofore filed on the 16th October 1832 in the said County and in the Circuit Court thereof.

Who after being duly sworn as the law directs, states that from his old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot state precisely the length of the time which he was engaged in the service of his country during the war of the Revolution But to the best of his memory he served the tours and times hereinafter set forth. That his first tour in Colonel Armstrong's Regiment & Captain Kennedy's Company in what was then called the Stono Campaign, he was in active service four months.

His second tour under Colonel Isaacs & Captain Ashbun's Company which was destined for New Bern North Carolina but for some cause were discharged at the end of one month & seven days.

His third Tour was under Colonel Lopp as a light horsemen, & in which he found his own horse & equipage, and he was in actual service three months.

His fourth tour under Colonel Lopp to guard prisoners, he was engaged for one month.

And his last Services under Captain Billingsley [James Billingsley] and others not recollected, operating against the Tories in Rowan and other counties, he is confident he engaged one month which closed his services,

which by way of recapitulation were as follows, his first tour of four months, his second one month & seven days, his third was for three months, his fourth was for one month, & his last was for one month making in the whole ten months & seven days for which he claims a pension.

He further states that he was in the capacity of a private soldier in all his tours, and the third tour under Colonel Lopp of three months in the light horse, when he acted as orderly Sergeant. He would now refer the court to the Reverend Thomas A. Young & Edward Gwin Esquire as to his character for veracity & their belief of his revolutionary services.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court June 12, 1833

S/ Frederick Miller, X his mark

[Thomas A Young, a clergyman, and Edward Gwin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died October 30, 1852 in Carroll County, Tennessee; he married January 27, 1813 or 1814 (both dates given by his widow), in Sumner County, Tennessee, Rhoda Vinson or Vincint; she was allowed a widow's pension on application dated June 1 1854 when she was 64 years of age and a resident of Carroll County, Tennessee; there is no reference to any other family in this file. The widow signed the various documents in the file with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 10 months and 7 days, 7 months & 7 days in the Infantry and 3 months in the Cavalry. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]