

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Virginia documents pertaining to Joseph (Joab) Miles VAS1936
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[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

November 1785

Joseph alias Joab Miles a Pension appeared before the court and by the Oaths of Buller Claiborne and John Cole it was proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Miles belonged to the second Regiment and with Company of said Regiment in the service of the United States and that he was disabled while in the said service – that he is about thirty two years of age and an Inhabitant of this County

Copy Teste Nicholas CDC

I do hereby certify that upon Examining Joseph alias Joab Miles I find him in the same blind condition as he has been for several years and incapable of following any Business to get his Living
James Greenway

I DO, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that Joseph alias Joab Miles aged about 32 years late a private in the 2nd Virginia Regiment appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of The United States as to entitle him to the sum of Twelve Pounds yearly: which allowance is according made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond, this 5th day of December 1786
Edm. Randolph

Dinwiddie County Sct. March first 1787.

Ordered that the Sheriff pay Joab Miles a pensioner the sum of twelve pounds out the publick money in his hands Copy Teste Nicholas CDC
due 40\$

Rec'd of Clo. John Jones Sheriff twenty four pounds which Is the full of my pay as Pensioner for the years 1787 & 1788 March 6th 1792 Joab Miles
Test/ Braddock Goodwyn Cont'd 31st May '94 JDC

[The file includes several documents similar to the above, the last dated 23 Jan 1819.]

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Cumberland County]

To the Legislature of Virginia

The petition of Joseph Miles respectfully sheweth that he was a soldier during the revolution; that he fought the battles of his country and contributed to that success which crowned us with Liberty and independence during this contest glorious to his country but important to himself whilst engaged in it service he became utterly and entirely blind since that period he has not participated in the general happiness and prosperity with which he has been surrounded his life has been a continued scene of gloom and wretchedness; steeped to the lips in poverty not possessing two shillings worth of property aged infirm and blind to add to the difficulty of his situation he is the father of three small children who have been heretofore supported by the industry of an affectionate mother now sleeping with the dead the Legislature of this state conscious of his claims upon their justice some years ago placed him on the pension list and allowed him the scanty stipend of forty Dollars a year. this sum he has regularly received but is it necessary to say that it is insufficient to furnish him and his wretched children with bread &

raiment and a house in which to shelter themselves? The county of Dinwiddie sensible of the misery & the merits of your petitioner with a humanity which does it honor, but upon a continuance of which he has no right to calculate gave him in addition to his pension another forty dollars but for this circumstance and the accidental intervention of precarious charity your petitioner together with his unfortunate offspring must have perished.

your petitioner respectfully prays this honorable body to take his case into consideration and to grant him such relief as may be proper. and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Joseph Miles

To Claims Ref'd Dec'r. 12th 1806/ Reasonable/ Reported/ Jos alias Joab Miles

Bill drawn Dec'r. 17th 1806