

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Miles S1235

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State of Kentucky Bullitt County to wit

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Bullitt County Court now sitting Jesse Miles a resident of Bullitt County in the State of Kentucky aged seventy 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 is herein stated. In the year 1781 he was living in Berkeley County, Virginia, and was enrolled in the Militia of said County and was drafted in the militia Company commanded by Captain John Vanmeter, Lieutenant Thomas Thornberry & Ensign Kearney or Carney for a Tour of duty of three months. The Company Rendezvoused at Battletown in the State of Virginia and was marched from there through different Counties & places in said State and during the whole period, to wit, three months, he was marched from place to place but he cannot, at this day, particularly named the Counties & places through which he was marched. After having served out his Tour of duty of three months he was discharged and he returned home. Some short time after he returned home a Requisition of militia man was made and this Declarant's father was drafted for a Tour of six months in the Company commanded by the said Captain John Vanmeter, Lieutenant Thomas Thornberry & Ensign Kearney or Carney in the said year 1781. His father being unable to perform said Tour he, the Declarant, offered himself as a substitute for his father and was accepted. He was then marched through the Country & passed through the Counties of Albemarle & Culpeper and other Sections of the Country in Virginia and joined the main Army of the United States in that section Commanded by General George Washington at Yorktown in Virginia. He continued with the Army at that place until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] although his tour had expired, (having actually served six months) a few days before the Surrender and he had received his written discharge from the service as a Substitute as aforesaid. He does not now recollect who signed his discharge having destroyed it a short time after his return from the Army believing that it would be of service to him to keep it. He States that he has no Documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove his services and he knows of no person now living by whose Testimony he can prove it except by the affidavit hereto attached of Joseph Simmons. He further states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood and he has to resort to the Certificates of Joseph Simmons, Henry Crest & George F Pope who can testify as to his character for veracity and good behavior and the belief in his neighborhood of his having served in the Army of the Revolution. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State. To the Questions directed by the War Department to be propounded by the Court & which are now propounded he makes the following answers. To the

1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory he answers that he was born in Prince George's County State of Maryland on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1783.

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interrogatory He answers that he has & it is now at his home.

To the 3<sup>rd</sup> Interrogatory. He was living in Berkeley County State of Virginia when called into service. After he quit the Army he remained & lived in said County for some time. About 40 years ago, probably more he moved to the County of Nelson Kentucky. Since which time Bullitt County was formed out of the Counties of Nelson & Jefferson & he now resides in Bullitt County.

To 4<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory. I was drafted for my first Tour of three months. I served the second Tour of six months as the Substitute of my Father.

To the 5<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory. In my first Tour of three months I do not recollect any officers either Regular or militia except the officers of my Company who were almost constantly marching from place to place. In my second Tour I recollect Major General George Washington commanded the Army where I served – a Colonel Darke (I think), General Green were also with the Army. I also recollect a Major Hardman was also with the Troops but whether he was a militia or Regular Officer I cannot now recollect. I cannot recollect the number of the regiments Continental & militia or who commanded them.

To the 6<sup>th</sup> interrogatory. I answer I did receive a written discharge, by whom it was signed I do not now recollect, believing that it would be of no Service to me to keep it I destroyed it not long after I quit the Service.

To the 7<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory. I answered that I am known to Joseph Simmons, Henry Crest & George F Pope of my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior; they do not know of my services only from report except Joseph Simmons who will certify – The said Jesse Miles on oath also deposeseth and saith that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the days or the months on which he entered the Service of the United States. He recollects that it was in the year 1781. And according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade. For nine months I served as a private in two tours one of three months & one of six months and for which service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Miles, X his mark

Joseph Simmons a Citizen of Bullitt County State of Kentucky do hereby Certify that I well recollect that Jesse Miles who has sworn to & subscribed the foregoing Declaration, went out as a drafted militia man for three months during the Revolutionary War & in the year 1781 and about two weeks after his said Miles's return home he went out as a Substitute for his father Richard Miles and as he thinks after Cornwallis was taken the said Richard Miles went after the said Jesse who had given out on his return home.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Simmons, X his mark

[Joseph Simmons, Henry Crest & George F Pope gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]