Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barney Miller S16973 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky County of Breckenridge: Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Breckenridge County Court Barney Miller a resident of the County of Breckenridge in State of Kentucky aged about 68 years of age at this time who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. His Captain's name was McIntire, under whom he first served who from some cause went home and was succeeded by Captain Carney. His major's name was Scott. His Colonel's name was Joseph Darke but he became disabled & left the Army, And he cannot remember who he was succeeded by. His General's name was Stephens or Stephenson [probably Edward Stevens]. He entered the service the last of March or the first day of April 1781. He left the service the last day of October or first of November of the same year. He guarded the prisoners taken at Yorktown to Winchester Virginia. He resided in the County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia when he entered the service. He was drafted into the service. He was at the siege of Yorktown where Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781]. He marched through Fredericksburg, Falmouth, New Castle & Williamsburg towns in Virginia – Generals Greene, Wayne & Lafayette were there. He also states that he has no documentary evidence whatever to prove his Services and that he knows of no person except George Paul whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – 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 or agency of any State. He was born in the state of Pennsylvania near Josephs. And went into Berkeley County Virginia when about 10 years of age, remained there about 17 years when he removed to Breckenridge County Kentucky where he has lived ever since & still lives.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Barney Miller, X his mark

And the said George Paul² mentioned in the above declaration at the same time & place came into Court and made oath that he served the tour mentioned in the above declaration of Barney Miller's with the said Miller in the same company under the same Captain that he personally knew the said Miller & was well acquainted with him and that he knows of his own knowledge that the said Miller served the whole of the said tower [tour] until a short time previous to the

¹ Nathanael Greene was not at Yorktown. At the time the battle of Yorktown was fought Greene commanded the Southern Department of the Continental Army and was still in South Carolina in October 1781.

² George S. Paul W5471

surrender of Cornwallis when he the said George Paul was sent to the hospital to take care of his Father who was sick, And he believes that the said Barney Miller served out the whole tour as is stated in his declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Ger I Paul

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State of Kentucky County of Breckenridge Sct.

On this 20th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Breckenridge County Court Barney Miller a resident of the County of Breckenridge & State of Kentucky aged about 68 years of age in September last (but having no record of his age) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration for a pension made in said court at the September term thereof 1832 which declaration has been returned from the War Department with objections. And is now shown to the court – Said Miller states that his term of service included the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown – he further deposeth that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For 7 months he served as a private in the tour designated in his original declaration & for such service I claim a pension. Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Barney Miller, X his mark

[James Taylor, a clergyman, and Thomas Kincheloe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 3: On May 27, 1836 in Spencer County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency stating that he intended to remain there because 2 of his daughters and 2 of his sons were living in Indiana.

Burny Miller

[p 17: Nicholas Miller gave a supporting affidavit as to the identity of the applicant. His relationship if any to the applicant is not stated.

Sicholas Miller

[p 23: Nicholas Miller and Barney Miller Junior also gave an affidavit as to the identity of the applicant. The affidavit is dated May 27, 1836 and given in Spencer County Indiana. Again, the relationship, if any, of the affiants to the applicant is not stated.

Barney Miller June

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]