

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Miller S38223

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State of Kentucky Bullitt County: Sct.

On this 9th day of December 1833 personally appeared before Henry C. M. Cartmiller Justice of the peace in and for Bullitt County State of Kentucky John Miller a resident of Bullitt Count & State of Kentucky aged eighty-four years between the 25th day of December 1833 and the first of January 1834 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated: That in the month of October 1780 in Berkeley County State of Virginia on the Potomac River he volunteered for a Tour of six months to go against the Indians on the frontiers of Virginia and was placed in a Company, the names of the officers of which he does not now, from his age & loss of memory, recollect, and marched to Wheeling Fort. We marched to Fort Pitt by land & then went in a boat to Wheeling. We were there Stationed to guard the Fort and frontiers. After having served out the full period of six months he was discharged and returned home. He received no discharge in writing. In the year 1781 he moved to Botetourt County Virginia and in the month of ___ in the year 1781 he was drafted to go against Lord Cornwallis for a Term of three months. We marched first to Richmond – from Richmond to James Town from James Town to Williamsburg we lay below Williamsburg about two weeks. We then went & occupied the ground where Cornwallis lay with his Army near York Town. He remained with the Army until after the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] but he was not in the battle. After the surrender Major Lockhart of the Militia appointed him to take charge of a Wagon & team to go to the Hospital and take charge of the sick. He did so and attended to & Hauled the sick near their homes. After which he went home. In this Tour of duty he served some short time over the three months – he does not recollect the day when he entered the service or the day when he quit the Army but he swears that he served six months against the Indians & guarding Fort Wheeling, and three months against the British under Lord Cornwallis. He has no documentary evidence in his possession proving his service and he does not know of any person now living by whom he can prove it. 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. In answer to the Interrogatories directed by the War Department to be propounded to the Applicant he answers

To the first. He was born in Germany in the year 1750 and came to America when he was not quite eleven years old.

To the 2nd. He had a record of his age but it has been lost.

To the 3rd. He was living in Berkeley County State of Virginia when he performed his first tour of 6 months and in Botetourt County Virginia when he last served. He resided in Botetourt

County as aforesaid after the Revolutionary War until 33 years ago he removed to Kentucky and he now resides in Bullitt County, Kentucky.

To the 4th. He volunteered for his first service and was drafted for his second Tour of three months.

To the 5th. There were no regular Troops or regiments with the troops in his tour against the Indians. He recollects General Washington and General Lafayette and Major Lockhart of the militia, but he does not recollect the Continental & militia Regiments. The General Circumstances of his Service he has already stated.

To the 6th. He never did receive written discharges for his services. He served as a private in both Tours having served in all nine months.

To the 7th. There is no Clergyman residing in his immediate neighborhood but he is known to Colonel James Samuels, Martin Harshfield & Henry Bightol of his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Miller, X his mark

S/ Henry C. M. Cartwell

[James Samuels, Martin Harshfield & Henry Bightol gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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