Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Miller S47514 Transcribed by Will Graves

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The State of South Carolina Pendleton District: By the Honorable Richard Gantt Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

To all to whom these presents shall come: Greeting.

Know ye that Robert Miller a citizen resident of the district of Pendleton Labor did this day personally appeared before me and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that on the 8th day of November in the year of our Lord 1777 he did enlist and inner into the regular service of the United States of America under Captain Nathan Reid of the infantry under the command of Colonel Charles Lewis of the 14th Virginia Regiment in the Continental Army and served in the same for the space of three years, and three years more in the first Regiment and was regularly discharged from the same at York, which discharge he kept until it entirely war out and was finally thrown away as useless. And he further swears that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

In testimony that the foregoing affidavit was sworn to before me, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Court to be affixed this 27th day of October 1818 and in the 43rd year of the sovereignty & independence of the United States of America.

S/ R. Gantt

S/ Robert Miller, X his mark

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South Carolina Pendleton District: Personally appeared William Pullen¹ before me and made oath that he personally knew the aforesaid Robert Miller as a regular Soldier in the 14th Regiment of the Continental Army during the revolutionary war of the United States and served with him as such during the term of better than 2 years.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of October 1818 S/ Richard Gantt

S/ William Pullen

William Tullen

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Schedule

The State of South Carolina Pendleton District:

On this 26th day of October 1820, personally appeared in open Court, in the Court of

¹ William Pullin (Pullen) W5589.

General Sessions of the peace Over and Terminer Assize and General Goal delivery being a Court of record for the said District in the said State aforesaid Robert Miller aged sixty-three years, resident in the said District in the said State, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted and entered in the Regular service of the United States of America on the 8th day of November A.D. 1777 under Captain Nathan Reid of the Infantry under the command of Colonel Charles Lewis of the 14th Virginia Regiment in the Continental Army and served in the same for the space of three years: and three years more in the first Regiment, and was Regularly discharged from the same, which discharge he kept until it entirely wore out and was finally thrown away as useless. An original declaration was made on the 27th day of October 1818; before Judge Gantt, but has not as yet received a Certificate. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. To wit, that I have not any Land goods chattels or effects of any kind whatever – that I am affected with running of the Reins [sic ?], my Wife named Annis aged fifty-seven always sickly, one son named Squire seventeen years of age had fits when young and has never recovered.

Sworn to and declared on the 26th of October 1820 before S/ Abm. Nott, Presiding Judge S/ Robert Miller, X his mark

Robert Miller took the benefit of the law of this State for the Relief of Insolvent debtors not long since and is notoriously honor of no visible property.

S/ John T Lewis, Clerk of the Court P. D.

For Pendleton District and made oath that he enlisted under Captain N. Reid for three years in the 14 Regiment of the Virginia line and was discharged at the end of his Service of three years. And then enlisted again under (he thinks) Captain Minute [?]² of the first Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel W. Davis and was discharged by Colonel William Davis near Little York just after Cornwallis' defeat [October 19, 1781] [Attested March 23, 1821 in Pendleton district South Carolina]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 27, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

Bedford County Virginia 15th February 1815 I do Certify that Robert Miller a soldier in my Company enlisted the 18th day of January 1777 for

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the term of 3 years, after which he Enlisted for the War and from my Muster Roll it don't appear that he ever deserted therefore believe he served to the end of the War.

S/ Nathan Reid

another file

Bedford 1830 22 September

This is to certify that Robert Miller enlisted under me the 18th of January 1777 for three years; that he afterwards enlisted for the war and was under my command as appears by my pay roll in October 1799 [sic probably intended to refer to 1779]. I have no pay roll later than that date, and am unable to state from memory how long afterwards he continued in the service; but am inclined to think to the end of the war. This fact, however, I cannot certify 2, as I was not present when the Army was discharged. Given under my hand this 22nd September 1830.

Nathan Reid

S/ Nathan Reid