Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Miller W8460 Transcribed by Will Graves Margaret Miller f77NC 5/2/09: rev'd 4/12/17

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State of Kentucky Jefferson County

On this Sixth day of May 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Jefferson & State of Kentucky Frederick Miller, a resident of said County who states that he was born in Rowan County State of North Carolina on the 11th day of November 1756 & now in the seventy seventh year of his age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 to wit. That he entered the service of the United States in 1773 [sic, 1775] and served in the Regiment commanded by Col. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the militia of North Carolina his Capt. was George H. Barder [Barger¹, actually Captain George Henry Barrier] & Windle Miller [Wendell Miller] his Lieut., that he served on that campaign three months this Campaign was known for a long time by the name "Snow Campaign" and that they traveled through part of North Carolina & part of South Carolina & had an engagement with the Tories at a place called '96 [Ninety Six] and was discharged at a place called the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River.

2nd Shortly after he was discharged he again entered the service a second time under the same officers that they started from Salisbury and marched to Fayetteville (NC) in pursuit of the Tories then called the "Scotch Tories" that they had no engagement during this Campaign and that he served three months & was discharged at Fayetteville.

3rd That he volunteered a third time in the year 1781 under Col. Barder & Capt. Miller and served a tour of three months traveling through the territory of North Carolina in pursuit of the Tories & in defense of those persons who were friendly to the Country.

4th He states that he served a fourth tour under the command of Col. Lock [sic, Francis Locke] & Capt. David Boyers, that he entered the service at Salisbury North Carolina & was shortly afterwards joined Col. Bazel from Virginia & Col. Isaac [Elijah Isaacs?] of North Carolina that he marched on to deep River to a place called Coxe's Mill in pursuit of the Tories and after serving three months was discharged.

He further states that he served one month under Capt. Barder as a scouting party to defend the Country from the Cruelty of the Tories & one month under General Rutherford & Capt. Barder after the Cherokee Indians.

He states that he has now no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person

¹ The War Department interpreted this name as George Barger, but it clearly is spelled "Barder" by the original scribe throughout the declaration.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Fredrick Miller

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[Michael Miller, a clergyman, and James Pomeroy gave the standard supporting affidavit.

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Jefferson County Kentucky

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace Frederick Miller who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear as to the exact time of his entering and leaving the service but that he served not less than the periods mentioned below as a private in every case. 1. For 3 months 2. For 3 months 3. For 3 months 4th. For 3 months 5th for one month 6. For one month, and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ James Pomeroy, JP

Quest 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Rowan County North Carolina near Salisbury on the 11th November 1756 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have a memorandum made by myself in my Bible taken from the record kept by my father 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living where I was born when called into service and remained there until 1806 when I moved to Jefferson County Kentucky where I now live

4th How were you called into service?

Ans: Always a volunteer & always for myself

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I can state no more than I have in my declaration --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge I believe every time I was out from my Capt. & surrendered it or them to a board of Auditors to enable me to draw my pay.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Rev. Michael Miller, James Pomeroy, Peter Miller, Hiram Malott, Wm Gosse, Wm Conrad,

Warnick Lynn, Wm Brown, Thos. Bryan, James Kelley, Windle Miller, Philip Zilhart Sen., George Zilhart, Philip Winand, Jacob Hoke, Peter Hoke, Charles Duncan &c &c &c which was by said court, ordered to be certified.

Test: S/ Worden Pope, Clk

[p 31: On November 11, 1853 in Jefferson County Kentucky, Elizabeth Miller, 71 years old as of December 26, 1853, gave testimony that she is the widow of Peter Miller the brother of Frederick Miller; that Frederick Miller died in Jefferson County Kentucky at which time he was a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that the affiant married Peter Miller in April 1798. She signed her affidavit with her mark.

[p 5: Michael Miller's signature

Michael Miller & [p 6: family record: DEATHS. BIRTHS. NAMES. Day. Month. CHILDREN'S MARRIAGES NAMES. Month Day.

[Facts in file: Veteran died in Jefferson County, February 1, 1840; veteran married in Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina Margaret Brown. The marriage bond [p 38] was dated May 10, 1779; John Brown was one of the sureties under the bond; the widow died in Jefferson County Kentucky April 6th, 1845; the first child of the veteran and his wife was a son, John, who died in infancy from smallpox (veteran's mother was visiting at the time, contracted the disease, died and was buried in the same grave with her grandson); their second child was a daughter, Margaret who married George Stucky and was deceased by 1855; they third child a son named Michael was born June 29, 1783. Michael and his sister Anna Bowman survived their mother; Michael Miller was married 3 times, first to Susanny Rickets (born February 26, 1786; died February 24 1812) on March 8, 1804; 2nd to Elizabeth Stucky (born July 15, 1792; died March 14, 1825) on June 27, 1812; 3rd to Cinthia [sic] Kelly (born Aug. 10, 1793) on June 5, 1826.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]