

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Milam (Melam) W9951

Polly Milam

f58VA

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State of Alabama Madison County: SS

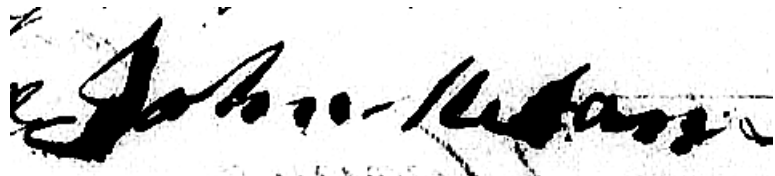
On this day 29 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William J Adair Judge of the Circuit Court for said County of Madison now sitting, John Milam a resident of the said County of Madison, aged ~~eight~~ seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the spring of the year 1776 with Captain Tapley White Lieutenant and served in the 7th Regiment of Virginia of the line under the following named officers. That he enlisted for the term of two years. His Captain Nathaniel Cock Joseph Hopkins another Lieutenant. With this Regiment officers was marched to Petersburg, and after stopping there a short time was marched to Williamsburg in the State of Virginia where they were stationed for some months and while there the declaration of independence was promulgated. From thence they were marched to Little York, where a considerable battle took place a little below the town near an island [probably a reference to the engagement on Gwynn Island, July 8-10, 1776] which affiant and many others crossed where the battle was fought, the enemy were plundered of about \$10,000 worth of goods and many Negroes were taken in the action, and it was said that the property would be divided out among the troops but it was never done. Affiant does not distinctly remember the name of the Commander in Chief of the British troops there but believes it was Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of Virginia]. From thence affiant was marched with said Regiment through Alexandria & George Town, thence to Baltimore, at Dumphreze [Dumfries] where all were inoculated for the small pox. Rather thinks there was a change of officers at Baltimore, mostly was Captain Richardson Major Nelson and McClanahan [Alexander McClanachan] Colonel, William Woodford General. From thence he was marched with said Army to Philadelphia there they remained some time, From thence they marched into the Jerseys to Morris town, there affiant was appointed orderly Sergeant and stationed there with the sick for several months. Affiant was marched from [ink blot obscures one or more words] to the Valley Forge where he took sick and was sent to Lancaster where he remained sick until his time of service expired, after having thus served out his term of service two years he returned home, he was during his said campaign in several little skirmishes one on the Schuylkill [River], but they were too small to be mentioned here.

After affiant had returned from this campaign about two years [he] was drafted for four months to go to the siege of Ninety Six or Cambridge as it was called Edmond King Captain, Alex Rose [Alexander Rose] Major General Green [Nathanael Greene] commander in chief. Here Greene had an attack on the forts of the enemy commanded by one Crooger [John Harris

Cruger] as well as remembered who being reinforced by the division commanded by General Roddins [Lord Rawdon]. Greene was forced to a precipitous flight and returned across the Saluda [River] and beyond the Broad River. The Army retreated to or near Camblin [Camden] and there affiant's term having expired [he] returned home. Affiant states that he had discharges but they are all lost. He further states that he has the record of his age in a family Bible now in his possession. He states he was born in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia 12 June 1753. His Father moved from Brunswick to Halifax before he can remember from Halifax affiant moved to Laurence [Laurens] County in the State of South Carolina where he lived 30 or 40 years from thence to this County of Madison where he has lived ever since & where he now lives. Said affiant 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 any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Milam

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Milam", written over a horizontal line.

[George A. Kelly, a clergyman, and Sterdey [?] Garner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County Circuit Court August Term 1832. On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William E Kennedy Judge of the 6th Judicial Circuit in & for the State of Tennessee Thomas Estis¹ & made oath according to law that he is a resident citizen of the County of Lawrence State of Tennessee and doth hereby certified that he is well acquainted with John Milam a citizen of the County of Madison State of Alabama – that he knows him to be the identical same man with whom he served in the 7th Virginia Regiment in the Revolutionary Army & that he knows that the said John Milam served in said Regiment in the Continental line for one-year after he became acquainted with him.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Estes, X his mark

[p 51: Sarah Carghill, about 70, gave testimony in Lawrence County Alabama on September 22, 1832 that she was a resident of Halifax County Virginia and was well acquainted with John Milam of that County who served in the revolution with one of her brothers for 2 years. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 13: On April 20, 1858 in Monroe County Mississippi, Polly Milam, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Milam, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Laurens District South Carolina in 1813; that her husband died October 19, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: The widow's name prior to her marriage to the veteran was Polly Allison; there is no reference to any children in this file.]

¹ [Thomas Estes W1160](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]