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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Charles Orth Wilhite

DESCENDANT OF

Jacob Miller

Application examined and approved
August 30th 1906

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, Charles Orth Wilhite being of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, to wit, of the age of thirty-nine hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Jacob Miller who was born in _____ on the ___ day of _____ 1755 and died in Crawfordsville, Indiana on the 25th day of July 1839 aged eighty-four years and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Crawfordsville County of Montgomery State of Indiana on the 16th day of October 1866

I am the son of Isaac Simeon Wilhite and Isabella Ann Canine his wife, and grandson of William Wilhite and Mary Miller his wife, and great-grandson of Jacob Miller and Margaret Dick his wife.

and he, the said _____ is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of private in Capt. Abraham Kirkpatrick's Company & Capt. Luke Cannon's Company, of Virginia under Col. Thomas Posey.

O. W. & N. Division
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Revolutionary War

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Pensions
Washington, D.C.

June 21, 1905

Sir:

In reply to your request for a statement of the military history of Jacob Miller, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information as contained in his and his widow's application for pension on file in this Bureau.

| dates of enlistment or appointment | Length of service | Rank | Officers under whom service was rendered | | State |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|-----------------|-------|
| | | | Captain | Colonel | |
| Spring of 1781 | Served till Close of War | Private | Abraham Kirkpatrick | Thomas Posey | VA. |
| | | | Luke Cannon | | |

Battles engaged in, Siege of York.

Residence of Soldier at enlistment, not stated.

Date of application for pension, October 14, 1819

Residence at date of application, Jefferson Co., KY

Age at date of application, 64 years. He died July 25, 1839, at Crawfordsville, Ind.

Remarks: His claim was allowed. He married Margaret - April 8 or 18, 1787, near Winchester in Frederick Co., Va. She was 93 years of age in 1857, and then living in Crawfordsville, Ind. They had the following children - John, dead (date not stated). George, died July 14, 1846, aged 55 years. Living in 1820 were Mary, aged 25 years, Isaac, aged 22 years, Teny, aged 18 years, and Eliza, aged 13 years. Widow's claim was allowed.

Very respectfully,
(signed) V. Warner
Commissioner

Mr. James Sheldon, Jr.

1110 - 13th St. N. W., Washington, D.C.

(The above is a correct copy of the original letter
Albert D. Spangler, Registrar, D.C. Society. S.A.R.
February 27, 1907)

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Jacob Miller enlisted in the Spring of 1781 and served until the Close of the Revolutionary War, as a private under Captains Abraham Kirkpatrick and Luke Cannon, and Colonel Thomas Posey. He enlisted from Virginia. He was engaged in the Siege of York. His application for pension was dated October 14, 1819 at which time he resided in Jefferson County, Kentucky. He died July 25, 1839, at Crawfordsville, Ind. He married April 8 or 18, 1797, near Winchester, Frederick County, Va., Margaret Dick. She died at Crawfordsville, Ind. in 1867 aged 103 years. A pension was granted to the widow upon the death of her husband.

I was born the 16th of October, 1866 at Crawfordsville, Indiana. Educated in the Public Schools, the High School, and Wabash College, all of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Learned the printer's trade beginning in 1882 and continued until 1892 working irregularly at it, and going to school a part of the time. In 1892 learned stenography and typewriting and have continued it up to the present time, holding the first position with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Indianapolis, Indiana: the next position with Ballard & Ballard, Attorneys-at-law, Crawfordsville, Indiana, where I studied law and was admitted to the practice of law at Crawfordsville Indiana, in 1896, and continued with the firm but did not practice until the declaration of war with Spain in 1898.

In the mean time I had entered the National Guard of the State in 1889 and been promoted from private through the various noncommissioned offices and commissioned offices of the various military organizations, Co. D. 1st Regt., Inft., and Cos. 1 and M, 2nd Regt., Indiana National Guard until at the time of the breaking out of hostilities was holding the rank of First Lieutenant, Co. M., 2nd Reg. Inft., Ind. National Guard. On the 26th of April. 1896, Co. M. was mobilized with the Indiana National (sic) Guard at Indianapolis, by the Governor, James Mount to answer the call of the President of the United States, William McKinley, and we were mustered into the U. S. Volunteer Service May 10, 1906 (sic) as Co. M, 158th Ind. Vol. Inft., of which I was 1st Lieutenant. We went to Chickamauga, Ga., where on July 10th 1898 I was appointed Range Officer for the Regiment, and on the 28th of August, 1898, was promoted Captain of the same Company and Regiment. Later we moved to Knoxville, Tenn., then to Indianapolis, Ind., in early September, and after a 30 days' furlough from September 16th to October 16th, were mustered out on November 4th. 1898. After this I took up the work in the law office (sic) of Ballard & Ballard again, moved to Logansport, Ind., about the first of May 1899 and the first of November, 1899 was appointed stenographer to Senator Albert J. Beveridge, being his first official stenographer and coming to Washington with him. After his first term in the Senate, I took the Civil Service examination and accepted a position as one of the stenographic clerks with the Taft Commission, appointed by President McKinley, and went to the Philippines, remaining there from January 1 (date of departure from San Francisco) 1901, until May 20, 1903. During my stay in the Pilippines (sic) won the championship of the Islands at shooting contests under the auspices of the Manila Gun Club, at blue rock targets, and later on the way home, beat the English at the gun club at, Victoria, Hong Kong. Returned to the United States June 21, 1903, after passing through China and Japan, and on March 25, 1904, took a position in the Office of the Secretary, of Agriculture, where I am still employed.

[Typewritten statement attached to his application for membership in the SAR, approved August 30th, 1906. Original capitalization, spelling, and punctuation.]