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SOME FACTS
of the
MILITARY SERVICE
of one
JOHN MILLIGAN
with Addenda

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Will-Thomas Milligan, Book D, page 20, proven June 6th, 1780, dated April 8th, 1778, Milford Township, Cumberland County. Ex: Thomas Turbett and William McConnell. Names:

| | | | |
|------------------|----------|-----|---------------|
| Wife Mary | | | |
| James Gray | guardian | son | John Milligan |
| Joseph McConnell | " | " | James " |
| John Crozzier | " | " | Edward " |
| William Bell | " | " | Samuel " |
| John McConnell | " | " | Thomas " |

Witnesses: David Beale, Thomas Beale, and William Shaw.

This is undoubtedly the will of the Thomas Milligan married to Mary (Jane) McConnell and residing in Milford Township. Thomas Beale and William Bell paid taxes on property in Milford Township in 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, and 1785. John Crozzier (also spelled Crozen, Crozier, Crozzer) paid taxes in Milford in 1778 but Widow Crozzier began paying taxes in Milford in 1779 and John Crozzier no longer appears. Joseph McConnell paid property taxes in Lack Township, Cumberland County, in 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, and 1785. John McConnell paid property taxes in Lack township in 1779, 1780, 1781, and 1782. Thomas Turbett paid property taxes in Lack Township in 1785. A William McConnell paid property taxes in Tyrone Township, Cumberland County, in 1780. Tyrone and Lack Townships were near Milford so all these men mentioned in the will were neighbors of Thomas Milligan at the time of his will.

References: Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 20, pp. 77, 112, 186, 193, 330, 332, 449, 457, 595, 617, 738.

John Milligan Guardianship, Orphans Court Records, Milford Township, Cumberland County, Docket 2, p. 274. Came William McConnell to an Orphans Court dated 24th August A.D. 1780.

William McConnell asks for guardians for John Milligan, James Milligan, Edward Milligan, and Samuel Milligan, and Thomas Milligan, minors under age of 14 years.

The Court appointed William Bell and John Orr, both of Milford.

John Orr paid property taxes in Milford in 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, and 1785 on always 150 acres with varying numbers of horses and cows.

Reference: Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 20, pp. 193, 330, 457, 617, and 738.

Probably the guardians named in the will with the exception of William Bell and John McConnell could not serve (Crozzier having died) so new ones became necessary. William Bell was wealthy in acres but John McConnell had only 100 acres at the most (1780).

Will-Samuel Milligan, Tyrone Township, Cumberland County.
 Proven November 13th, 1815. Ex: William Irvine, Thomas
 Milligan. Made March 10th A.D. 1810. Book H, page 353.
 Named:

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wife Sarah | |
| Son Thomas Milligan | Son Samuel Milligan |
| Daughter Margaret Wallace | Son Joseph Milligan |
| Son-in-law Betty Milligan | Son Hugh Milligan |
| Son John Milligan | |
| Daughter JaneBell | Sister Margaret Jamison |
| Daughter Elizabeth Boyd | |

This is undoubtedly the will of Samuel Milligan mentioned by
 Rev. G.T.Ridlon in "Milliken, Milligen, and Mulligan"
 page 354 as "Milligans of Madison Township", Swissvale,
 Perry Co., Pa. (formerly part of Cumberland County)
 This Samuel Milligan was born in north Ireland in 1717,
 married there and came to America with family of children who
 settled farther west. He, Samuel, came to Pennsylvania in
 1770 and by then had a son John 6 to 8 years old by his
 second wife, Sarah Jardine (Scotch ancestry). Ridlon places
 his homestead under the shoulder of Counogocheague Mountain.
 His children are listed as follows:

| | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Betsey | married | _____ Boyd |
| Jane | " | _____ Bell |
| Mary (?) | " | _____ Haliday |
| John (born 1764) | " | Jane Graham (born 1767) |
| | on August 11, 1791; died 1842; lived next to homestead. | |
| David | married | Sarah Wallace on July 1, 1794 |
| Joseph | | |
| Hugh (born 1775) | " | (1) Eleanor McMillan |
| | | (2) Margaret Kilgore |
| Thomas (born 1781) | " | Ann Irvine in 1809 in |
| | | Madison Township, Perry County |

In this listing Ridlon omits Samuel who is mentioned in
 will and uses Mary Haliday in place of Margaret Wallace.
 I believe the agreements of the two considering the lapse of
 time are close enough to say the two Samuel Milligans are one
 and the same.

In Ridlon, page 332 "Millikens of Kishacoquillas Valley,
 Pa." is listed Samuel Milliken (Milligan), of Mifflin County,
 born in Ireland in 1746 and settled in Cumberland County, Pa.,
 in 1768. Children as follows:

| | | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| James | born 1776 | Joseph | born 1797 |
| Samuel | | Barbara | |
| David | " 1780 | Jane | |
| Robert | " 1793 | Elizabeth | |
| Foster | " 1794 | | |

These children are obviously all too young for service in the Revolutionary War. David did serve in 1812. James might be the one in tax lists as well as the James, son of Thomas Milligan. Either James is too young for the 1779 tax. Besides the estate of Thomas was not to be divided until James was 21 which would have been about 1790.

As Samuel Milligan of Tyrone Township had grown children in 1770 and was born in 1717, he was well beyond the 52 years, the upper age limit for military service in 1782. Consequently, I believe the man serving with the army and listed in the Payroll of a Company of Cumberland County Militia for services in the field, performed in the months of April, May, June, July, and August 1782 under Capts. John Fleming, Hugh McClelland, and William Lamb (Pa. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 6, p. 646) to be the younger Samuel Milligan mentioned by Ridlon.

I found no record of a Samuel Milligan paying taxes in Milford Township but in Armagh Township, a Samuel Milligan paid property taxes as follows:

| | | | |
|------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 1780 | 371 acres | 4 horses | 2 cows |
| 1781 | 378 | 3 | 4 |
| 1782 | 371 | 3 | 4 |
| 1785 | 190 | 2 | 2 |

(Also in Armagh in 1782 one Samuel Meligan is taxed on 2 horses and 2 cows.)

The tax lists for Tyrone and Toboyne Townships list a Samuel and James Milligan for these years as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------|----------|--------|
| Toboyne 1779 | | | |
| Samuel Milligan | 0 acres | 2 horses | 0 cows |
| James Milligan | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Tyrone 1780 | | | |
| Samuel Milligan | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| James Milligan | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Tyrone 1782 | | | |
| Samuel Milligan | 155 | 2 | 2 |
| James Milligan | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Tyrone 1785 | | | |
| Samuel Milligan | 100 | 1 | 2 |

Reference: Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 20, pp. 226,363,646.

The older Samuel Milligan (Armagh) had no son James. The son James of the younger Samuel would have been a child in 1779.

In Ridlon pp. 348-354 "Millikens of Cumberland County " Pannsylvania, Armagh Township, we find

Descendants of Robert-John Milliken of Dromore, County Down, Ireland, who had a son Hugh who died in Ireland.

Hugh's widow and children came to Pennsylvania in 1766 when son David was 18 years old and are listed in the following order: (all born in Ireland)

David Milliken born 1749 came to Pennsylvania in 1766. Discharged from service in 1782 (no proof found) and married Mary Beatty in 1783-4; returned to his home in Kishacoquillas Valley; moved to Harrison County, Ohio, after 1794.

John served in Geo. Bell's Co. of 5th Batt. Cumberland County Militia and was active in service in 1778. He removed to Washington County, Pa., and died unmarried in 1794. (more)

Thomas married widow Elizabeth Sinclair, moved to Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., where widow's will is on file.

Joseph married Jeanetta Black and moved to Bourbon Co., Ky.

Sarah married Mr. Cubison of Washington Co., Pa.

Elizabeth married Mr. Sankey

Note: The Sankey name is prevalent in Armagh Township tax lists and also in companies of militia in which John and Joseph Milligan served.

Ridlon further says that this family is closely related to Millikens of Kishacoquillas Valley and the Millikens in Washington County.

Ridlon, page 346 Abstract of John Milliken's Will

The will of John Milliken--after his funeral expenses and just debts are paid out of his personal property, the remainder thereof he devises to his Mother. "I further give and devise to my two brothers, Thomas and David, all that tract of land, situate, lying and being in Township Armagh and Mifflin County, on which my brother David now lives be equally divided between them both, reserving to my brother David the exclusive possession for the full term of 6 years, to commence from the first day of April next; and I hereby bequeath to my youngest brother Joseph Milligan all my wearing apparel and lastly I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Daniel Sheils, all the Bills, Bonds, Notes or accounts whatsoever that stands against him on my behalf and I hereby appoint John Fleming and John Millson, Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament." Dated 22 February A.D. 1794. Proven August 6, 1794 before Samuel Edmiston, Register.

There is then a note that Joseph served with John in the Cumberland County militia and was active in 1778.

In the land office at Harrisburg, Pa., is a record of the land transfers of Armagh township:

March 29, 1796, to David Milliken, 300 acres, situate in Armagh Township in Mifflin County called "Belmont", recites that tract was surveyed in persuance of a warrant dated 29 January 1794, granted to John Milliken who by will dated 22nd February 1794 advises same to Thomas and David Milliken and the said Thomas Milliken by deed dated 27th October 1794 released all his right in said tract to David Milliken.

Owners of land adjoining were listed as S. Beard, Jos. Jacobs, M. Thompson, and Pat Hughes.

Armagh Township 1785

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|--------|
| Samuel Beard | paid taxes on 200 acres | 2 horses | 2 cows |
| Moses Thompson | " " " 160 | 2 | 2 |

Milford Township 1785

Joseph Jacobs paid taxes on 300 acres 0 horses 0 cows

Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 20, pp. 691, 738

Lycoming Township, Northumberland County 1786

Patrick Hughes paid taxes on 0 acres 1 horse 1 cow
and was listed as a single man in 1787.

Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 19, p. 710

The above will and land transfer places John Milligan back in Armagh Township in 1794 along with his brother David even though he may have spent some time in Washington County as Ridlon states. Some following material will place him in Armagh in 1781 and 1782.

Military Service

5th Batt. Cumberland County Militia under Capt. Geo. Bell, in service March 1778 (Pa. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 6, p.330) included

- John Millegan
- Joseph Millegan (not in John Fleming's return p.646)
- Moses Thompson
- James McDowell
- William Thompson
- Andrew Small

all of whom paid tax in Armagh Township in 1781-82 and who also are contained in listing of Capt. John Fleming 1782.

Capt. John Fleming's return of his class roll, 8th Batt. of Cumberland County Militia, commanded by Alex Brown, in 1781, 1782, 1783 (Pa. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 6, p. 646)

Forty-four men are listed including John Milligan (8th class). Of these men 24 paid taxes either as property owners or freemen in 1780 in Armagh Township. In 1781, 28 men paid taxes in Armagh Township. Two additional ones are placed in Cumberland County by the 1790 census, one of whom was listed as an inmate in the 1785 tax list of Armagh. Two additional men paid taxes in Armagh in 1785. Only one man, William Graham, paid taxes in Milford Township and he as a freeman. One each appears in lists of Fannett, Middleton, and Fermangh Townships for these years. John Fleming paid on 2 stills, 600 acres and various numbers of horses and cows beginning in 1781 in Armagh. He first paid taxes in Armagh in 1778 on 111 acres, 2 horses and 2 cows. There was no John Fleming listed in the Milford tax

lists for these years.

Payroll of Company of Cumberland County Militia for services in the field, performed in the months of April, May, June, July, and August, 1782. Capts. John Fleming, William Lamb, and Hugh McClelland. (Pa. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 6, p.650)

This obviously is a listing of several companies and we find the same names (Beard (Baird), McNitt, Sankey, McManagal, Adams, Moore, Carswell, Kyle (Kile), etc. that appear in John Fleming's return (page 646) and also in Armagh Township tax lists. Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 20. No such names appear in the Milford lists.

John Milligan, Joseph Milligan, David Miligan, and Hugh McClelland paid taxes as freemen in Armagh Township in 1781. John, Joseph, and David Milligan paid taxes in Armagh as freeman in 1782. Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 20.

I do not believe John Milligan, son of Thomas of Milford, aged 16 would be paying taxes as a freeman in 1781-82 and would not be paying in Armagh Township if he did. Widow Milligan still maintained her home in Milford during those years as she paid taxes in Milford and it is most likely that John would be living with her since he was the oldest son. No John Milligan paid taxes in Milford in 1781-82.

In view of the foregoing evidence I must draw the conclusion that the military service listed for John Milligan
8th class under Capt. Geo. Bell in 1778
8th class under Capt. John Fleming in 1781-82-83
Payroll for services in field 1782
was all that of the older John Milligan of Armagh Township. The older John Milligan died in 1794 and may have had some disability that put him in 8th class.. Also, the youngest brother Joseph is listed with John. John Milligan, son of Thomas, and of Milford had no brother Joseph.

I believe the John Milligan listed in the 1790 census of Mifflin County, p. 151, to be that of the son of Thomas Milligan as the older John Milligan was not the head of a household as he died in 1794 unmarried.

In the 1790 census of Mifflin Co., p. 153, we find

David Millegan 1 male over 16
1 " under 16
2 females .

It would seem that John Milligan of Armagh was not living with David in 1790.

1790 Census Pennsylvania, Mifflin County

p. 151 "That part of Mifflin south of the river Juniata"

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| John Milligan | 2 males over 16 | 2 females |
| | 1 " under 16 | |
| Zeceal Rose | 1 male over 16 | |
| | 2 females | |
| Abraham Styls | 1 male over 16 | 1 female |
| | 2 " under 16 | |

All these are known to have been close friends and most likely neighbors in Milford in 1790.

p. 152-54 "Other part of Mifflin County"

- * David Millegan
- #* Samuel Millegan
- #* Elijah Curswell (Carswell, Criswell)
- #* Elisha Curswell
- Benjamin Curswell
- #* John Kyle (Kile)
- Joseph Kyle
- #* Hugh Beard (Baird)
- #* John Fleming
- #* Alexander McNitt
- Elizabeth Sankey
- #* Thomas Sankey
- #* William Sankey (Sinkey)
- #* Michael Brown

These are a few of those listed picked more or less at random for their surname interest. These names do not appear in first section of Mifflin.

* denotes taxpayers in Armagh township as shown previously
denotes service in one or both of John Fleming's listings in company with John Millegan.

One must ponder whether the Elizabeth Sankey immediately above is the same as the daughter Elizabeth Milliken who married a Mr. Sankey as shown on page 4 this treatise.

ADDENDA

Milligans paying taxes in Armagh Township Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 20

| | | acres | horses | cattle | page |
|------|-----------------|---------|--------|--------|------|
| 1778 | Samuel Milligan | 130 | 2 | 3 | 18 |
| | John Millegan | freeman | | | |
| 1779 | Samuel Milligan | 200 | 2 | 2 | 130 |
| | John Milligan | freeman | | | |
| 1780 | Samuel Milligan | 371 | 4 | 2 | 263 |
| | Joseph " | freeman | | | |
| | David " | " | | | |
| 1781 | Samuel " | 378 | 3 | 4 | 401 |
| | Joseph " | freeman | | | |
| | David " | " | | | |
| | John " | " | | | |
| 1782 | Samuel " | 371 | 3 | 4 | 672 |
| | Joseph " | freeman | | | |
| | David " | " | | | |
| | John " | " | | | |
| 1785 | Samuel Milligan | 190 | 2 | 2 | 892 |

Milligans paying taxes in Milford Township

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------------|-----|---|---|-----|
| 1778 | none | | | | |
| 1779 | Widow Milligan | 100 | 1 | 1 | 196 |
| 1780 | Thomas Milligan | 100 | 0 | 0 | 330 |
| 1781 | Widow Milligan | 100 | 0 | 0 | 457 |
| 1782 | Widow Milligan | 100 | 0 | 0 | 617 |
| 1785 | Milligan heirs | 100 | 0 | 0 | 738 |

In Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 24, page 713, it is given that David Milligan warranted 400 acres of land in Cumberland County, May 16, 1794. Undoubtedly this is the land upon which he was living and which he and Thomas were given in the will of John Milligan of Armagh. See page 4 this treatise.

In D.A.R. Magazine, September 1946, pp. 480-483, we find
CUMBERLAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA MILITIA DURING THE
REVOLUTION
Raymond M. Bell, Washington & Jefferson College,
Washington, Pa.

- This contains
1. Discussion of formation of militia.
 2. Listing of Batt. officers and Captains of each company in Cumberland Co. militia in 1777.
 3. After each name of officer is indication of probable township residence as far as can be ascertained from the tax records in Pa. Arch.
 4. Map with Batt. of 1777 and townships of 1780 superimposed upon counties of 1946.

Under Mifflin County we find listed

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Lt. Col. Alexander Brown | Armagh |
| Capt. John Fleming | Armagh |
| Capt. Hugh McClelland | Armagh |
| Capt. William Lamb | Derry |

See pages 5 and 6 this treatise for similar finding.

The Battalions were changed in numbers from 1777 to 1780 as follows:

| Batt. | 1777 | | Batt. | 1780 |
|-------|------|----------|-------|------|
| | 1 | became | 6 | |
| | 2 | remained | 2 | |
| | 3 | remained | 3 | |
| | 4 | became | 7 | |
| | 5 | became | 8 | |
| | 6 | became | 4 | |
| | 7 | became | 5 | |

This explains change in Batt. numbers of companies in which John Milligan served. (pp. 5 and 6 this treatise.)

Milligan, John

Rev. Soldier

Private, Capt. John Fleming's Co.,
8th Batt. Cumberland County Militia
(3-23-808)

Buried in Dick Church Cemetery (Original.
ly Sewickley Church Cemetery).

b. 1752 d. 1837

Ref: Greensburg Morning Review (July 3, 1933)
Westmoreland Co., Pa.

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