

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Joseph Mitchell and William Mitchell VAS4025  
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Virginia York County towit

I Absalom Cox of the state & county aforesaid do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Joseph and William Mitchell both of whom were Captains in the Revolutionary war but do not now remember the time of their enlistment, their period of service, or the Regiment in which they served. I do further certify that Joseph died unmarried & without issue – that William died leaving a son called William who died under age & without issue. And neither of them has now living any relative with the exception of a niece Mary now the wife of Anthony Dixon of York County. Given under my hand this 19 day of May 1834.

Absalom hisXmark Cox

I Henry Buchanan [S37807] aged seventy three years do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Joseph and William Mitchell both of whom served in the capacity of Captains in the Revolutionary war the said Joseph Mitchell in the continental service first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Marshall the said William Mitchell in the Virginia state line Regiment of cavalry commanded by Colo. Nelson [sic: Maj John Nelson W5414]. the said William enlisted about 1779 & served from that period until the end of the war and Joseph from 1775 to 1778. I do further Certify that William Mitchell died leaving a son called William, who died under age & without issue. That Joseph died unmarried & without issue, and neither has any relation now in existence with the exception of a niece Mary now the wife of Anthony Dixon of York County Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834.



NOTE: A report by Commissioner John H. Smith summarizes the above and concludes as follows: “The name of Joseph Mitchell is not on the returns of Marshalls Regiment. The name of William Mitchell is not on the Return of the state Cavalry, of 1782/ I have, in the printed list of officers &c No 2. reported ‘there is no proof of Joseph Mitchells title to bounty land.’ I have seen no reason to change this opinion./ There is no evidence of documents supporting the claim of William Mitchell and I think it ought not to be allowed”