

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Joseph Mitchell VAS708

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: The digital images of the papers in this file on mostly illegible. I have transcribed what I could read.]

Frederick County Virginia Sct.

Robert White of Winchester in the said County personally appeared before me John Bell a Justice of the same County and made oath that sometime in the fall of the year 1776 Joseph Mitchell, then of the County of Berkeley but now deceased was duly appointed a Captain in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment at which time the affiant was appointed one of his lieutenants. That early in the spring of the year 1777 [last digit written over and unclear could be 1779], the said Captain Mitchell Lieutenant Joseph Swearingen another of his lieutenants, but now dead, and this affiant marched a Company by them enlisted to Middlebrook in New Jersey. And there joined the main Army – That the said Captain Mitchell, to the knowledge of the affiant, continued with the said Army in active service until sometime in the summer of the same year, when this affiant was removed to the hospital on account of his wounds, and was never able afterwards to engage in active duty, And is therefore unable to say how long the said Captain Mitchell did so. He has however heard and believes that he the said Mitchell afterwards received an appointment in the Quarter Master's Department, but at what time or of what rank he knows not.

S/ Robt. White



Sworn to before me this 22nd day of October 18 32.

S/ John Bell

The Claim of the Heirs of Joseph Mitchell to Bounty Land

It appears by James Russell's & Judge White's affidavits that Joseph Mitchell was in the fall of the year 1776 appointed a Captain in the 12th Regiment Virginia Continental line – and served actively as such for about a year – when he became Deputy Quarter Master General; in which capacity Russell states he served three or more years longer. John Light also swears that from his own information – it appears that Joseph Mitchell was in the Staff Department as late as 1779. [One or more lines of text are compromised by having been taped over so that the text

underneath the tape damage cannot be deciphered in the image as posted online] promoted as a Captain – the staff Department like that of General Greene's not promoting him in the line apart from his service at the head of his company his service in the Military Staff was long enough to come within the terms of the law –

Joseph Mitchell is dead – his heirs live in Frederick Judge White handed me the papers and requested me to present them to the Executive – he knowing the claimants and having obtained the testimony for them –

Respectfully submitted

S/ Thos. Green [Thomas Green]

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Addendum to Joseph Mitchell VAS708

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 21 Oct 2020.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Berkeley County Virginia

James Russell of the said County personally appeared before me J Stephenson a justice of the peace for the said county and made oath, that he was personally acquainted with Capt Joseph Mitchell Esq and formerly of this same county in the year 1776 and from that time untill a short time before his death which did not happen untill the year 1790 but he thinks that he lived beyond that period That some time in the fall of the year 1776 the said Joseph Mitchell was appointed a Captain in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and shortly afterwards entered upon the recruiting service That early in the spring of the year 1777, as this affiant has always understood, for he was absent in Pennsylvania at the time, the said Joseph Mitchell marched his company to join the [undeciphered word] army at Middlebrook in New jersey That the said Joseph continued with the said Army acting as a Captain of the line in the said army untill late in the fall of the same year, about which time he was appointed a Deputy Quarter General [Deputy Quartermaster General] to the said Army in which capacity he continued to act, to the knowledge of the affiant untill the year 1780 at least, and he believes longer That at his death he left four and only four children, to wit Joseph Fleming Mitchell, John Mitchell, Samuel Mitchell and Alexander Mitchell That Joseph Fleming is since dead and left some children but how many [undeciphered] he knows not. That Samuel is also since dead and he believes left no children, but of this he is not certain. And that John and Alexander are as he understands still alive

Sworn before me this 18th day of Oct'r 1822

J. Stephenson