Pension application of William Mitchell VAS713   vsl 11VA
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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

            To the Governor & Council
       The undersigned prays an allowance of bounty land for three years services of William Mitchell as Quarter Master to the State Garrison Regiment at Yorktown. He files here with two documents A & B. Document A contains entries from February 18th 1777 to August [indecipherable] 1781 showing William Mitchell's services during that period. By reference to entry No. 1 of document A it will be observed that this item is from Leger [Ledger] B. The Ledger for the preceding year to which this is a sequel cannot be found. At what time prior to February 18th 1777 William Mitchell was appointed the undersigned has no means of ascertaining. The entries and Document A, however, embrace a period of four and a half years.
       By reference to Document B an account will be found with William Mitchell from December 1778 to August 1780. It will be remarked that this account is from a Ledger B also, and the current accounts of William Mitchell Quarter Master for 1777 & 1778 are not to be found although the fact of his being Quarter Master in 1777 & 8 (as also in 1779, 80 & 81) is conclusively proved by the entries in Document A. The Ledger to which this Ledger B is a sequel is not to be found. It will be seen by reference to the two items in Document B dated January 12th & 24th 1780 that he was also prove a year to the French Hospitals & [The image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]
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capacities at the same time that he was Quarter Master to the York Garrison. This fact is conclusively proved by reference to items No. 12 in Document A where he received the amount of his pay and subsistence to January 19th 1780. The two last entries also in Document B dated May the 12th and August the 17th 1780 were unquestionably for amounts received as Quarter Master at York Garrison, that being his title in the account, and there being nothing in those entries showing the contrary. William Mitchell died immediately after the close of the war at Yorktown. By his will he devised all his estate to his widow Damaris Mitchell who was the grandmother of my wife, now sole heir.
             Respectfully Submitted
             S/ Branch Archer Saunders

[Note: Pages 3- 11 are the Journal entries referred to in the above petition. There is no meaningful data in those entries which reflect any service of the veteran other than as a Quarter master at York. I have elected not to transcribe those items but they may be of interest to family members.]