

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Mitchum (Machum, Matchum) VAS717
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Transcribed by Will Graves

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

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 25th day of April 1785 in the name of John Mitchum as a soldier and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £57.7.0, delivered to Neel Ashby[?]¹ but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
14th day of October 1852.

S/ Ro Johnston

First Auditor

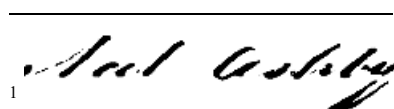
[No Seal of Office]

The heirs of John Machum or Matchum applied for land bounty for his services in the Revolutionary war and it appears from Smith's report is entitled to land bounty; and from the Auditor's report it appears he was in service from 1st January 1777 to December 1781 – these facts entitled the heirs to land bounty for a service of that time which I allow now. It is stated that the man died in service if this is proved he is entitled for service to the end of the War.

8th of October 1851

S/ John B. Floyd

[Smith's report is not in this file nor is any evidence that the veteran died in service. There must be other files relating to this veteran.]



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Addendum to John Mitchum (Machum, Matchum) VAS717

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 12 Sep 2020.

Heirs of John Matchum allowed land bounty for a service of Five years as private in the Continental line of the Revolution J B Floyd

1851 Dec'r 29 Cert[ificat]e iss[ue]d

NOTE: Floyd apparently misinterpreted the Auditor's certificate and the act cited in it <http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol10-22.htm>. The act provides that soldiers who received pay between 1 Jan 1777 and 31 Dec 1781 would be compensated for depreciation of the currency. The Auditor's certificate does not state that Matchum served during that entire period, but in fact clearly states that his term of service could not be determined.