

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Record of Nathaniel Mitchell BLWt1868-400

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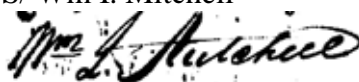
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District of Columbia County of Washington: SS

Personally came and appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid the named William I Mitchell and made oath in due form of law that he is a son and one of the heirs at law of Nathaniel Mitchell who was as he believes for more than three years the Brigade Major to General Peter Muhlenberg's brigade in the Virginia line in the same time that Lieutenant John W. Indeman [?] was his aide, afterwards a Major in Colonel Gist's Regiment and discharged as a Major in the Delaware line on Continental establishment, having entered the service from the state of Delaware and having since been a Member of Congress<sup>1</sup> from said State and Governor thereof; and further, that the said Nathaniel Mitchell deceased on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1814 leaving a widow since deceased and the following children viz.: the deponent, Theodore, Alfred and Dogworthy, his only sons the last of whom died sometime in the month of February last in Philadelphia, unmarried, being between 18 and 19 years old; and three daughters Deborah, Mary Ann and Elizabeth his only daughters, the first, since married to Whiting Sanford, who [indecipherable word] herself has since died, leaving an only child named Deborah, the second, since married to John King, but of whom died in Georgetown within the District of Columbia, leaving also only one child, name Nathaniel, the last has also deceased, without having been married: Lastly, that the deponent intending to repair to Washington City, did obtain proof of airship in the State of Delaware where he resides because he knew that Charles and Joseph King of the District of Columbia could not effectually, if not more so, than any other persons, prove who were and are the heirs of the said Nathaniel Mitchell deceased.

S/ Wm I. Mitchell<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> MITCHELL, Nathaniel, a Delegate from Delaware; born near Laurel, Sussex County, Del., in 1753; engaged in agricultural pursuits; during the Revolutionary War became an adjutant in Colonel Dogworth's battalion of militia, afterward was with Colonel Patterson's battalion of the flying camp, and still later with Colonel Grayson's Continental regiment; in April 1779 he was transferred to Colonel Gist's regiment and subsequently was brigade major and inspector to Gen. Peter Muhlenberg; Member of the Continental Congress 1787-1788; prothonotary of Sussex County 1788-1805; Governor of Delaware 1805-1808; member of the State house of representatives in 1808; served in the State senate 1810-1812; died in Laurel, Del., February 21, 1814; interment in Broad Creek Episcopal Graveyard, near Laurel, Del.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=M000825>

<sup>2</sup> The War Department interpreted his name as William I. Mitchell, but it looks more like William J. Mitchell to me.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832  
S/ Isam [?] Cox

[Charles King and Joseph King gave a supporting affidavit in which they name the same heirs as are named by William J. Mitchell in his affidavit. They state that Theodore Mitchell was living in Laurel Delaware; that Alfred Mitchell was living in Trenton New Jersey.]

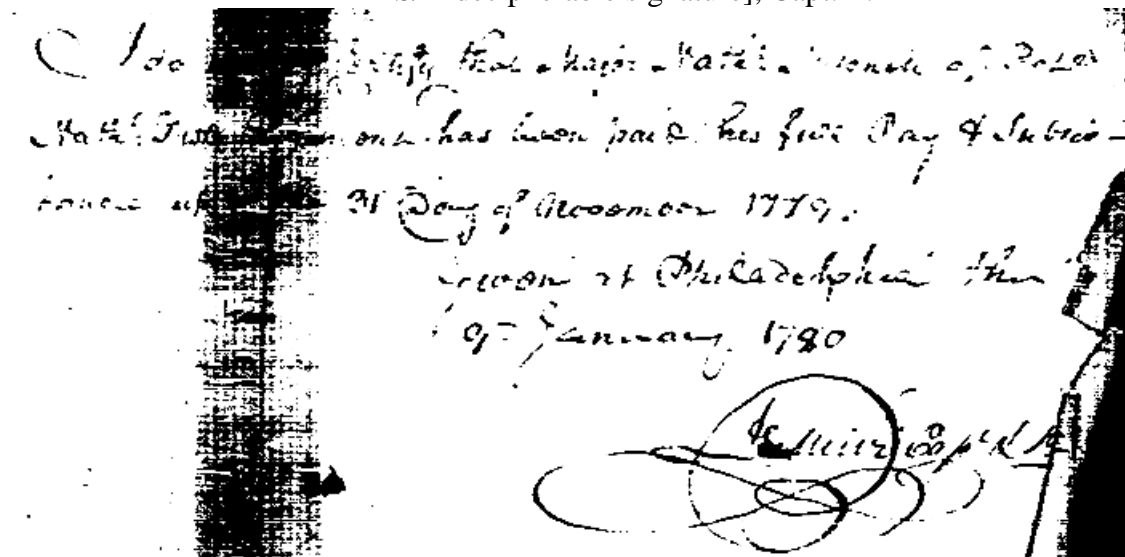
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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I do Certify that Major Nathaniel Mitchell of [several words too faint to decipher] has been paid his full Pay & subsistence up to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of November 1779  
Given at Philadelphia the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1780

S/ indecipherable signature], Capt. L.



The image shows a handwritten document, likely a certificate of payment, written in cursive. The text is partially obscured by a large black redaction mark on the left side. The visible text reads: "I do Certify that Major Nathaniel Mitchell of [illegible] has been paid his full Pay & Subsistence up to the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of November 1779. Given at Philadelphia the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1780". Below the text is a large, ornate signature that is mostly illegible due to the redaction and the style of the handwriting.

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To the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia

The petition of Wm J. Mitchell [William J. Mitchell] for himself and Theodore and Alfred Mitchell the only sons of Nathaniel Mitchell, and Deborah Lawford [could be Sanford or some other name—very unclear] and Nathaniel King, the only grandchildren of the said Nat: Mitchell, he having no other heirs as will appear by the accompanying documents, respectfully sheweth,

That in the war of the revolution, the said Nathaniel Mitchell served as is verily believed in the Virginia line on Continental establishment most if not all of the time as Brigade Major to General Peter Muhlenberg, as will appear by reference to an original letter of the said General Muhlenberg addressed to the said Nathaniel Mitchell, and bearing date the first of October 1782; and having by such service acquired under the laws of the State of Virginia a right to bounty land, Your petitioner prays for himself and the other heirs of the said Nathaniel Mitchell, that their claim be allowed by your Honorable body and that directions be issued to the Register of your Land Office at Richmond, to grant a land warrant in virtue of the services of the said

Nathaniel Mitchell and of the promises made to him by the laws of your State; Your petitioner would further represent that the said Nathaniel Mitchell left the service in the capacity of Major of Infantry and your petitioner will ever pray.

S/ Wm J. Mitchell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm J. Mitchell", written in dark ink on a light background. The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.

Land Office Virginia July 28, 1822

I certify that it does not appear from the Records in this office, that a Land Bounty Warrant ever issued to Nathaniel Mitchell.

S/ [indecipherable signature]

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Treasury Department  
3<sup>rd</sup> Auditors Office  
December 19, 1832

It appears from the Record of officers entitled to Bounty Land (for Revolutionary Services from the United States that Major Nathaniel Mitchell is returned as an officer of Delaware "Gist's Regiment." It further appears from the Copy of a letter from Major Mitchell to Joseph Homdl [?] then Commissioner of Army accounts dated 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1791 on record in this office, that he belonged to Colonel William Grayson's Regiment in May or June 1775 and that in 1779 William Grayson's Regiment and Nathaniel Gist's were incorporated and called Gist's Regiment and that the accounts of the Regiment were settled at Annapolis by Mr. White

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

[Note: Unfortunately the vast majority of the images of the documents posted in this file are either illegibly faint or the quality of the reproduction is so poor that I could not decipher them.]