

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reaps Mitchell (Michell) BLWt2335-100

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Reaps Mitchell is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Sergeant of the Continental line for six years service; and for the additional of twelve months more than six years.

Council Chamber

December 18th, 1818

S/ J. W. Pleasants

S/ James P Preston

A warrant No. 63384 466 2/3 acres issued the 15th of September 1819, to Benjamin Turner, Executor of the last will and testament of Reaps Mitchell deceased to and for the uses and purposes in the said last will & testament of said Reaps Mitchell deceased Expressed and delivered to him the same day.

A Copy from the Records of the Virginia Land office

Teste: J. H. Parker Register Land Office

[copy of last will & testament of Reaps Mitchell of Sussex County Virginia who mentions in his will the following persons; beloved wife Susanna Mitchell all of his property for her life for the support of all his children; son Paul Mitchell; upon the testator's wife's death, all of his property to be divided equally among his children, Martha Turner, Paul Mitchell, Thomas Branch Mitchell, Henry Mitchell & Peggy Mitchell. The will was probated in Sussex County Virginia on August 4, 1803 and Benjamin Turner named as his executor.]

In King and Queen County Court June 10th 1844

Be it ordered to be certified that satisfactory evidence has this day been exhibited to the Court, that Benjamin Turner who intermarried with Martha Mitchell daughter of Reaps Mitchell is dead, and that Martha Turner is his widow, that Paugh Mitchell, son of Reaps Mitchell is also known to be dead, and that Thomas B Mitchell and Henry Mitchell also sons of Reaps Mitchell have not been heard from for many years and in law presumed to be dead, and that Martha Turner and Peggy Elder wife of William Elder are now the only heirs at law of the said Reeks Mitchell deceased.

In testimony of the foregoing being a true transcript of the records of my office I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office this 10th day of June 1844

S/ Robert Ballard [?], G. C. C.

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

[image of discharge—mostly illegible so I've not tried to transcribe it]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY
 GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq;
 General and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the
 United States of America.

THESE do CERTIFY that the Bearer hereof
Reps Mitchell
 in the *Continent*, *Regiment* having faithfully
 served the United States *for two years*
 and being enlisted for the War only, is
 hereby DISCHARGED from the American Army.

GIVEN at HEAD-QUARTERS the *4th*
Day of June 1783

Commander
J. M. Mitchell

REGISTERED in the Books
 of the *Continent*

THE above *Reps Mitchell*
 has been honored with the BADGE of MERIT for *two years*
 Years faithful Service.

Wm. M. Mitchell
Comdr in Chief

[reverse]

HEAD-QUARTERS, June *4th* 1783.

THE within CERTIFICATE shall not avail the
 Bearer as a Discharge, until the Ratification of the definitive
 Treaty of Peace; previous to which Time, and until Proclama-
 tion thereof shall be made, He is to be considered as being on

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Jesse Whitmore of Prince George County and State of Virginia do certify that Reps Mitchell

[sic] of the County of Sussex & State aforesaid did enlist for a term of 3 years under Captain Richard Mead [probably Richard Kidder Meade of the 2nd Virginia Regiment] in the ___ Regiment in the revolutionary War, and after serving out that three years in the aforesaid War, he the said Reps Mitchell did enlist for another term during the aforesaid War, at which time he the said Mitchell was chosen as one of General George Washington's life guard and continued as such until the said war terminated. Given under my hand this 10th day of March 1832

S/ Isaac Whitmore



I Thomas Wilkinson¹ of Dinwiddie County & State of Virginia, do certify that Reps Mitchell of the County of Sussex & State aforesaid did serve in the revolutionary War, as one of General George Washington's life guard, for a term during said war. Given under my hand this 17th day of February 1832.

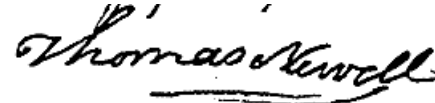
S/ Thos Wilkinson



I Thomas Newell² of Prince George County and State of Virginia do certify that Reps Mitchell of the County of Sussex and State aforesaid did enlist for a term of 3 years under Captain Richard Mead in the ___ Regiment, after serving out that 3 years in the revolutionary War, he the said Reps Mitchell, did enlist for another term during the said revolutionary War, at which time he was chosen as a lifeguard to General George Washington and continued as such until the said war terminated.

Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1832

S/ Thomas Newell



¹ This MAY be the same man as [Thomas Wilkinson \(Wilkerson\) S41347](#)

² This MAY be the same man as [Thomas Newell S5813](#)