

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Mitchell R7265

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State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 23rd day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Green Circuit court Adam Mitchell a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 – he states that he has no record of his Age, but from the best information he has he believes himself to be 70 years of age, – he states that he was born and raised in Campbell County State of Virginia; that in the same year that Cornwallis surrendered [1781] at York, and in the month of February of that year, there was a call for men to serve against the British who were then committing ravages in Halifax County, that the necessity for troops to march against them was very pressing in consequence of which Colonel Charles Lynch [Charles Lynch] and Major James Calloway caused it to be proclaimed in the different companies under their command that all who would turn out and served a tour of six weeks against the British in Halifax County without waiting to be compelled to do so by a regular draft should be entitled to and should receive compensation for three months service and would also receive a discharge for three months service; and that he the said Adam Mitchell Equipped himself and entered into service under the above conditions, that he served under Captain William Jones in the militia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lynch and Major James Calloway, that he marched under the command of said officers as a private soldier from Campbell County to Boyd's Ferry on Dan River, and not far from Boyd's Ferry they joined Washington's [William Washington's] troop of horse, that the Regiment he was in marched with said troop of horse to Guilford Courthouse and there joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army, and the next day after they joined General Green, a battle was fought between General Green and the British at Guilford courthouse [March 15, 1781] and that he fought through the whole of the said Battle under the officers aforesaid – General Green being Commander in chief, – that General Green was defeated by the British and the night after the Battle was fought, the said Mitchell with many others rendezvoused at Stillwell's Iron Works 18 miles from Guilford Courthouse, and the next day started again in pursuit of the Enemy, marched past Guilford and from there to Ramsey's Mills on Deep River, Crossed the River and marched up it about two miles, and were there met by some light horse men who had been in pursuit of the enemy and who wrought news that the enemy was then 15 miles distant, they then halted, camped all night, and the next day were discharged, that he the said Mitchell received a discharge for three months from Colonel Lynch agreeably to the proclamation herein before stated –

The said Adam Mitchell further states that in the year above named to wit the year that Cornwallis surrendered and previous to his surrender and to the best of his recollection in the

month of July he again entered the service in Campbell County Virginia, that he was drafted for three months under Captain John Clater [?]¹, that there was a call for men at York and that he marched under Captain Clater with several other captains' Companies about 10 miles, and there halted when a few men from each Company were sent to New London to guard the magazine, and that he the said Mitchell was one of them, that he marched with said detachment to New London and there served out the 3 months for which he had been drafted, and under the command of Captain Comins [sic, Cummings?] guarding the magazine, and at the expiration of his 3 months tour he received his discharge from Captain Comins, he states that both of the discharges herein named are lost, and that he has no documentary evidence of his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State – sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Adam Mitchell



State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this ___ day of February 1833 William Stearman² a resident citizen of said County came into Green Circuit Court before the judge of said Court, and being duly sworn according to law states that he is now 77 years of age and will be 78 on the 9th day of October 1833 should he lived so long, and stated that he was acquainted with Adam Mitchell who now resides in this County when he was a small boy, having married his sister, he stated that he could not state how long said Mitchell served as a soldier in the American Army in the Revolution, but remembers that, in the year 1781 he thinks in the early part of the year said Mitchell started from home, in Campbell County Virginia, marched off with the troops which were to joined General Greene in the South and after sometime returned, and at that time he learnt from many of the neighbors who went also to the South on this campaign, that said Mitchell was in the battle at Guilford Courthouse, and never heard it doubted, he learnt from the other soldiers as well as from said Mitchell at the time of his return that he had served out the tour required of him, and had acted as a good soldier. He also stated that he had a recollection that said Mitchell during the same year was ordered to New London to guard a magazine in company with some other soldiers but how long he served in this tour he cannot state. At the time and afterwards it was generally reported and understood in the neighborhood that said Mitchell had served 2 tours in the American Revolution – Said Mitchell when he served each tour lived in Campbell County Virginia – and continued to reside there for some years after the revolutionary war, then removed to Green County Kentucky where he has continued to reside ever since. Subscribed & sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Stearman, X his mark

State of Kentucky Green County: SS

On this 7th day of February 1842 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justice of the Court of the County & State aforesaid now sitting – Adam Mitchell a resident of the said



² Sic, [William Walker Steerman W8768](#)

County of Green in the State aforesaid aged 79 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, to wit. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He states that he entered the service of his country as a volunteer in the winter of the year 1781 for a tour of three months service in the County of Campbell & State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain William Jones which company rendezvoused at long island on what was called Stanton River [probably Staunton River] in said County of Campbell from which place he took up the line of march in said company for Guilford County North Carolina through the County of Halifax Virginia & across the Dan River at Ervin's Ferry & thence on to Guilford & reached that place sometime about the first of March in that year & was engaged in the Battle fought at Guilford in said state of North Carolina on the 5th or 6th of March 1781 [sic, March 15, 1781], the officers who commanded on that occasion that he can now recollect was Captain William Jones, Major James Calloway, Colonel Charles Lynch & General Green that his messmates were Daniel Marshall, Robert Prewitt & Daniel Mitchell. Shortly after this battle was fought his company was disbanded & he received a discharge from his Captain said William Jones for 3 months service and returned home to Campbell County Virginia. He states that the age he entered the service was about 17 or 18. He was born about the year 1761 or 1762 or thereabout. He has seen & has had a record of his age but it is now lost or destroyed being by some means or other born from the family Bible in which it was recorded he was born in said County of Campbell & State of Virginia, he states that sometime after he returned home from Guilford & to the best of his recollection in the month of May or June in the year 1781 he was drafted in a company raised & commanded by Captain Cummings in the said County of Campbell & State aforesaid & marched on immediately to New London in said County and was there stationed & there served as a guard of the magazine & munitions of war for three months, at that place after which he received from Captain Cummings a discharge for 3 months service & returned home, he states that he has lost both of his Discharges or mislaid them so that he is unable to find them: the whole time he served & for which he got discharges in the first & last service was six months, he is unable at this late period of time to find anyone who were eyewitnesses of his Service resident in his Country as above mentioned: they are either dead or removed to parts unknown to him. He states that he continued to reside in said County of Campbell until the year 1791 or 1792 from whence he removed to Green County Kentucky where he now resides, he further states that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any state.

S/ Adam Mitchell

[Buford Henry & Hugh Montgomery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Thomas Lasley, a clergyman and Samuel Patterson also gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]