

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Mitchell R7270

Elizabeth Mitchell

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In State of Kentucky Green County

On this 27th day of July 1852 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell a resident of said County & State above mentioned aged about 80 years, she being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is now near about 80 years of age. That she is the widow of James Mitchell deceased, that she was married to the said James Mitchell in Ohio County Virginia about the first day of March 1791 by one__ Hughes, a minister of the Presbyterian order of West Liberty; That her maiden name before her said marriage was Elizabeth Yates, that her said Husband died in green County & State of Kentucky on the 7th of August 1830. That she has not intermarried with anyone since the death of said James Mitchell but is still his widow & is unmarried. She & her husband removed to Green County Kentucky in the year she believes 1798 or 99. That before her said marriage with said James Mitchell she is informed & believes it to be true that said James, about the year 1782 or probably in 1783 as she has learned from him, he went into the Service of the United States as a volunteer from said Ohio County Virginia in the capacity of Captain of the Company of mounted men against the Indians as to the name of the particular places she cannot now state where he went or through which he passed, but he, but she was informed by said James that he was in the service & battle at Sandusky plains at Colonel Crawford's Defeat [William Crawford, June 4-6, 1782], a celebrated Indian, She thinks he was called Simon Girty was there. Crawford was taken prisoner & was burned at the stake he begged Girty to shoot him before he was burnt. Doctor Knight, Abraham & McCulloch were names of some who she heard said James speak of being there. Jacob & Lewis Mitchell are also names that she has often heard spoken of as being with him [her] said husband either in this or his subsequent service nearly all the officers of the company were killed. In this service she is informed that said James served three months and was honorably discharged.

That after this about the year 1788 said James Mitchell as she has been informed by him went out again as a volunteer in the service of the US from said County of Ohio Virginia and under Captain McMahan. She states as a wood Ranger and Colonel Williams and Colonel Biggs she is informed was also in this service but she does not know who was the chief commander in this or the former service. That said James in this service was also engaged against the Indians and served in this campaign she is informed for six months or upwards & was Honorably Discharged. She has no written Discharge of said James Mitchell. She cannot give the particulars of said Services being now very aged & infirm she cannot do this with any degree of certainty; the most indeed all she knows about the actual service is what she learned from her

husband. She supposes that some evidence of his Service is of record in the War Department & to that she refers. She has never drawn any pension or bounty for this service or for any of the other service of her said husband nor did he ever draw any during his life. She states that from age and bodily infirmity she cannot go into Court to make her declaration in court without great inconvenience & difficulties. She has set out her claim for a Pension in this case under the act of July 7, 1838 it may have been proper to have asserted it under some other. She claims the benefit however of any act of Congress that may provide for her case. She has no records of her marriage nor does she know that any was ever kept of it if she can obtain any such she will file it.

She states that she was married to the said James Mitchell after the expedition of the last service above mentioned.

S/ Elizabeth Mitchell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Mitchell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Elizabeth Mitchell".