

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mitchell R7281

Rachel Mitchell f32NC

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State of North Carolina Bertie County

On this the 19th day of August 1843 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid Rachel Mitchell a resident of said County & state, Aged about 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 that she is the widow of William Mitchell who was a private in the war of the Revolution. She further declares that she was married to the said William Mitchell she believes in 1783, that her husband the aforesaid William Mitchell died the 13th day of August 1793 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written before the said Court in open Court this the 19th of August 1843.

S/ Rachel Mitchell, X her mark

S/ Jon. S. Taylor, Clk

[p 6: On September the 22nd, 1852 in Berkeley County North Carolina Sarah Jernigan, 64, and Rachel Mitchell, 58, filed a power of attorney in which they state they are the children of William and Rachel Mitchell; that their mother Rachel Mitchell died on May eight, 1847.]

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The evidence of John White¹

Questions to Mr. White

You receive a pension from the United States for revolutionary services? I received eight dollars per month under the act of Congress of 1818. Did you know William Mitchell whose widow now before you is an applicant for a pension for her late husband's services in the Revolutionary war? I did. What services did he perform in the Revolution? He was a private and served with me for the space of three years or more, under various officers & regiments, a part of the time he was in the 10th Regiment & when we got our discharge we belonged to Capt. John Baker's company. Do you know when he entered the service? I do not, I have an imperfect memory. He first I think volunteered and afterwards enlisted and served a considerable time. Where were you during the War? We were at West Point, Trenton, Philadelphia & many other

¹ [John White S42067](#)

places: How old are you? I am about 85. Do you know Rachel Mitchell? I do & that she is the widow of the said William Mitchell and has never since the death of her husband been married. You have always resided in this County? I have.

S/ John White, X his mark

Witness: S/ Willie G. Clary, JP

[p 9: Henry Cobb, 85, gave an affidavit dated February 23, 1843 in Bertie County in support of the application of Rachel Mitchell for a widow's pension in which he states his knowledge as to the marriage of William Mitchell to Rachel; he states that they were married by David Stone Esquire, the father of the late Judge Stone; and he also states that William Mitchell was reputed in the neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution. He signed with his mark.]

[p 20: On September 18, 1854 in Bertie County North Carolina, Sarah Jernigan, 67, and Rachel Coward, 63, made a declaration seeking whatever benefits were due their father under the 1832 act; they state that they are the only surviving children of William Mitchell a revolutionary war soldier; that their father died August 13th, 1793 which death is recorded in a family testament; and that Rachel Mitchell the widow of William Mitchell and their mother died May eight, 1847. They both signed with their respective marks.]