

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Mitchen R7284      Isabella Mitchen      VA  
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United States of America  
The Declaration of Iszabella Mitchen

In order to obtain the benefit of the first Section of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836. State of Virginia. Bedford County to wit, SS

On this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1844, personally appeared before me Lewis C Arthur a justice of the Peace of the county of Bedford and State of Virginia, Iszabella Mitchen a resident of the aforesaid County and State, Aged eighty nine years who made solom Affirmation according to law doth on her solom affirmation, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1844.

That she is the widow of Benjamin Mitchen who was a Volunteer and a private in the Malitia of Bedford County under Captain D Beard [Daniel Beard] for a term of six months and that he volunteered in the year 1780 and was marched to North Carolina Gilford [sic: Guilford] County and the battles he was engage in she is not informed off: and he was discharged on the first of March 1781, being disabe to serve any longer and from the consequence of which he remain an invalid to his death. She further declares that she was marrid to the said Benjamine Mitchen in the month of October in the year seventeen hundred and seventy one; that her husband the afores'd Benjamine Mitchen died on the twentyeth day of March 1829 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed, Affirmed to and Subscrib on the day and year above written before me  
Iszabella herXmark Mitchen

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

On this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1844 personally appeared before Lewis C Arthur a justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County and State, John Arthur and made oath that he was personally acquainted with Benjamin Mitchen who was a volunteer under Captain D. Beard in the year 1781 and that he was discharged disabe to serve any longer, and remained an invalid into his death, which was occasion by the hardships of Service. And he further declares that he believes Iszabella Mitchen declaration to be true; and to his knowlege the said Iszabella Mitchen was lawfully married to Benjamine Mitchen before the commencement of the Revolutionary War; that he could not say the day on which they were married; but he believes it was in the time stated in her declaration, for she had five children before the close of the Revolutionary War, and has remained his widow since his death to the present time Given under my hand and seal the day and year above written.      [signed] Lewis C. Arthur J.P.

NOTES:

In support of the pension application of John Arthur [W5635], Isabella Mitchern [sic] declared that "Jno. Arthur, served two or three tours in the Revo'y. war – if not more – one tour she thinks he performed with her husband Benj. Mitchern." John Arthur's declaration states that he served at the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780, Portsmouth VA Jan - April 1781, the Siege of Ninety-Six SC in May and June of 1781, and at the Siege at Yorktown in Sep and Oct 1781.

On 13 March 1854 Samuel Mitchen, son of Isabella Mitchen, assigned power of attorney to obtain his mother's pension, which had been suspended pending further proof. He stated that his mother died on 19 Aug 1844.