

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Mitchell S1234

f17VA

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State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.:

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Fayette Circuit Court now sitting, Richard Mitchell a Resident of Fayette County and State of Kentucky, aged 69 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated:

When he first entered the service he lived in Spotsylvania County Virginia he entered as a volunteer in the summer of the year 1776 or 7, under Captain John Holladay [John Holliday], who did not go out in consequence of using violence to one of his men; we were then enrolled in Captain Upshaw's Company of Caroline County; we marched through the Counties of Essex, & King & Queen, to Williamsburg where we drew our Muskets, and remained two months, to guard the Country and prevent the landing of the British, when we received a discharge, whether verbal or written not recollected. There were no troops there but militia.

I then removed to Caroline County, where I lived when in the Summer of 1781 I was drafted, and served under Captain Sutton, and marched through the same Counties as above to the Old Fields, where we were attached to the Regiment, commanded by Colonel Mathews, & Boswell Major, we then retreated before the enemy commanded by Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton], through Caroline and Spotsylvania Counties to Raccoon Ford in the Edge of Orange, where the American Army met us, under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. We then turned in pursuit of Tarleton and follow him to the river York, upon the Gloucester side of which he entrenched himself. Cornwallis was upon the opposite side of the river. I had then been in service six weeks, when I obtained from Colonel Mathews a furlough to go home and save my crop.

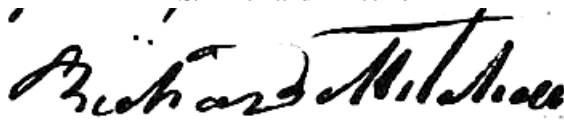
In September 1781 I was again drafted, still living in Caroline County, and went to join the Army, then besieging York Town, but was ordered to remain at an old Barracks about two miles from Gloucester, with about twelve others, to keep the Negroes who were in it with the smallpox, from dispersing and disseminating the disease through the Country. A few days before the surrender, he joined the Army and was detached to guard Tarleton's Regiment to the Barracks in Albemarle County, but whilst on the way, he received an injury to his leg, and was discharged, after serving, ten weeks, according to his best recollection; the tour was extended beyond two months because the expected surrender of the British rendered it unnecessary to send out a relief. He has no written or documentary evidence of his service, and knows of no one who is acquainted with his having served, but a man by the name of Thomas Smith residing about 50 miles from here. Affiant was born in the County of Culpeper Virginia on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August

1762. My age is set down in a Bible taken from one belonging to my mother. After the Revolution he lived in Caroline County Virginia about four years, and then moved to Spotsylvania County where he lived two years and then moved to Fayette County Kentucky where he has lived ever since.

He refers to the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution, John Darnaley, Hezekiah Ellis, Benjamin Robinson, Abram Ferguson, Asa Thomson, Esquire, William boon, Esquire and Richard Chiles.

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 to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Mitchell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

[George G Boone, a clergyman, and Hezekiah Ellis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Fayette and State of Kentucky, Richard Mitchell who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: Upon the first tour, I served as a private for two months: upon the second tour, I served for six weeks as a private, upon the third tour I served as a private for ten weeks, making in all 6 months that I served in the Army of the Revolution. And for such service I claim a pension.

Affiant states that his injury spoken of occurred by the running of a wagon wheel over one in of a poled the other end of which was thrown around and struck him upon the ankle and sprained it so much that he was discharged, and was unable to walk for a month afterwards.  
Signed and sealed this 12<sup>th</sup> July 1833.

S/ James E Davis, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]