

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mitchell S16485

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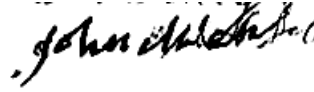
State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

On this 3rd day of December 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the following Justices to wit James McConnell, Benjamin Stephenson & William Woolridge Composing the County Court of Woodford and now sitting as a Court John Mitchell aged Seventy years a resident of the County of Woodford and State of Kentucky 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. – That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the month of July 1780 he lived at Bryant's Station in Kentucky County that whilst he was there he volunteered as a soldier under William Hogan, his Captain and marched from Bryant's Station to the mouth of Licking where Cincinnati now stands where Captain Hogan's Company joined the Regiment commanded by General George Rogers Clarke [George Rogers Clark], that said Clarke's Regiment marched up the little Miami River to Chillicothe, took and fired the same and then took Pickaway after having given them a severe fight, that from Pickaway he came home to Bryant's Station. General Clarke went to the falls of the Ohio. That he remained at Bryant's Station under the Command of his Captain for two years from the time of his first outset on the Pickaway expedition until 1782, having in the meantime been on another expedition under Robert Paterson, Captain, and going under General Clarke to Row a boat built by Clarke called the Row Galley Boat consisting of seventy oars up the Ohio River to Big Bone. That in the fall of 1782 he was drafted for six months to fight the Indians and were placed under the command of Captain Robert Johnson to go to the Indian Towns at New Chillicothe that they went and took twenty-seven Indians prisoners and burned the Town, that these prisoners were taken to the falls of the Ohio by General Clarke. That in this expedition General Clarke was the Commander in Chief. That General Clarke went down the River to the falls of the Ohio and Captain Johnson's Company returned to Bryant's Station having in this last expedition been under arms for twelve months, six months more than the time for which they were drafted. That from the time of his first entering the service of the Government in 1780 as above stated until 1783, he whilst at home at the Station was under arms and continually acting as an Indian Spy through the Wilderness of Kentucky. That if there is a man in Kentucky who can fill the character more fully of an Indian spy than this affiant, he has yet to find him. That this affiant has no documentary evidence of his services; nor does he know of a living witness by whom he can prove the aforesaid services except Daniel Wilcoxon & John Stephens. He further states that from old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot certainly state with precision but to this Affiants best recollection he served as stated above.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present

and declares that his name is not on the Roll of the United States or any agency of them.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Mitchell



Questions propounded by the Court to the Affiant.

Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in North Carolina Roane [Rowan] County in December 1765.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it Russian Mark

Ans: I once had my father's record of my age but have lost it.

Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived at Bryant's Station in Kentucky County when called into service after the Revolutionary war and ever since 1784 I have lived in Woodford County Kentucky where I now reside. –

How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if so for whom?

Ans: I volunteered in the year 1780 and so continued until 1782 when I was drafted to go up the Ohio River on the Row Galley Boat and was also drafted to March under Captain Robert Johnson against the Chillicothe Indians. –

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia Establishments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your services?

I recollect in the tour performed under General Clark said Clark my Captains names Holder, Hayes, & Macconnell [McConnell?], on the Row Galley Tour Captain George Pruitt [could be George Pratt]¹ commanded the Boat

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

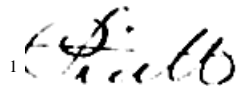
Ans: I received no discharge in any case.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: I state the names of Wm B. Blackburn & Willis Field as persons to whom I am known. [William B Blackburn & Willis Field gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The affidavit of John Stephens² taken at the town of Frankfort on the 30th day of November 1832 to [indecipherable word] on the behalf of John Mitchell an applicant to be placed on the Pension Roll of the United States deponent being of full age and duly sworn, deposeeth that in the year 1782 he was a volunteer soldier in Captain Robert Johnson's Company, whose Company composed a portion of Boone's Regiment that said Regiment of Boone was attached to General George Rogers Clarke's Brigade, that John Mitchell was in the said



¹ [John Stephens S31392](#)

² [John Stephens S31392](#)

Company with this affiant and we went to the mouth of the Licking River where Cincinnati now stands, and that Daniel Boone's Regiment joined said Clarke and went to New Chillicothe on the Big Miami in the now State of Ohio, Clarke took the Town and destroyed everything the Indians had and took some prisoners, that said Mitchell was with this affiant during this whole tour of duty that he was well acquainted with said Mitchell then and is yet acquainted with him, that this Tour of duty was performed in five or six weeks including the time of going and returning, that said Mitchell was in the Company when this affiant joined the Company, and he left in the Company when this affiant was discharged, this affiant has understood that said Mitchell was in other Tours of duty and he has no doubt of it, but of his personal knowledge he knows only as aforesaid. After his return home this affiant left the Station called Bryant's and went to Gilbert's [indecipherable partial word, paper damaged] where he lived. Further saith not

S/ John St[paper torn and the balance of his
signature missing]

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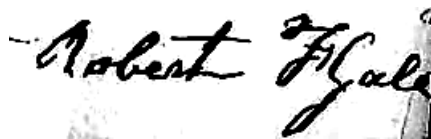
State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

The deposition of Daniel Wilcoxson [sic]³ taken the 22nd day of October 1832, the deponent being of lawful age and first duly sworn deposed & saith. That in the summer of 1780 John Mitchell now a resident of Woodford County Kentucky served in & during the whole of the campaign against the Indians under General Clarke, that he Mitchell served faithfully & was regularly discharged. This deponent further states that John Mitchell aforesaid fall The Indians at the siege of Bryant's Station, went on a tour of duty on board of a boat engaged in the public service, then called a rogallie [sic, Row Galley] and this deponent further states that Mitchell together with all those at Bryant's Station constantly considered themselves under arms & subject to be called on at any hour for the space of about 16 years, that is from the fall of 1779 to the year 1795 – and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Daniel Williamson, X his mark

Also the deposition of Robert F Gale, given at the same time & place, the deponent being of lawful age & first duly sworn deposed & saith. That all the facts set forth in the above deposition of Daniel Williamson are true except those that transpired prior to October 1781 at which time this deponent became a resident of Bryant's Station – and as to the above deposition that relates to fact prior to the fall of 1781, this deponent sayeth nothing. And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Robert F. Gale

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert F. Gale". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[Note: A note in the file indicates that the veteran died August 5, 1841, place not given. There is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

³ [Daniel Wilcoxon \(Wilcoxson, Wilcoxon\) S16582](#)