

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Flud Mitchell S16970

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State of Alabama Limestone County} SS

On this 30th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before George W. Lane Judge of the County Court in & for the County aforesaid Flud Mitchell a resident citizen of the County of Limestone in the State of Alabama aforesaid aged seventy-five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated. He entered the service of the United States in the state of South Carolina in the district at that time called Ninety Six, (now called Edgefield) in which he then resided on the 12th day of July 1775 as one of a company of mounted Rangers commanded by Captain John Purvis, Felix Worley as first Lieutenant, and Joseph Worley as second Lieutenant, that said Company was attached to the 3rd Regiment of said State commanded by Colonel William Thomson, the name of the Major of said Regiment he does not now recollect. The term for which he entered the service was six months certain; and not to exceed three years. The first expedition after he joined the Army, was at Ninety Six against Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] and his Tories who had assembled at that place, & who dispersed upon the approach of the Army without an engagement; this expedition occurred soon after he was mustered into service. After dispersing the Tories as above stated, the company to which he belonged, alone, made an excursion upon the frontier of the State against the Indians & Tories, but did not succeed in finding either; from thence the Company was marched to a little town, about twenty-five miles from Charleston on Ashley River called Dorchester, where they arrived in the early part of the winter of 1775 and remained there until the next spring, guarding the public documents & records which had been removed from Charleston to that place for safekeeping. That his company was joined at this place soon after their arrival by Captain Caldwell and his company -- that in the next spring his company & that of Captain Caldwell was marched to Blewford or Buford [sic, Beaufort] Island and guarded the Fort there about 6 weeks; from there they were marched to a place called the ten mile house where Captain Purvis's company joined its Regiment again, that they remained for some time at this place and until the British made their appearance off Sullivan's Island, when, being informed by express sent for that purpose at night they were marched before day to Charleston, & transported to Sullivan's Island where the first battle [Fort Moultrie, June 28, 1776] was fought in which he was engaged under the command of Colonel Thomson, Colonels Marion [Francis Marion] & Moultrie [William Moultrie] were also

there. While they were at the ten mile house, Captain Purvis resigned, and he said deponent, was attached to the Company commanded by Captain Francis Boykin. After the siege of Sullivan's Island was raised, they were marched to Nelson's ferry on Santee River where they made their head quarters; but from which place they made several excursions against the Tories in which he was engaged until the first of June 1777 when he received his discharge from Colonel William Thomson of that date, and which is hereto attached.

After receiving his discharge he returned home where he remained a little more than one year and he volunteered under Captain Thomas Jones, & made an expedition against the Creek Indians upon the frontier of Georgia, and under the command of Colonel LeRoy Hammond & Major Ross [Francis Ross]. That they had an engagement with the Indians in which they got 8 Indians scalps, killed 3 Tories, & took 3 Tories & 3 Indians prisoners, in this battle Major Ross received a mortal wound, of which he died in a few days after, but not until he was brought into Williamson's camp, which was opposite to Augusta across the River on the Carolina side. He received no discharge from this engagement, the time for which he volunteered extending only to the end of the expedition.

He next joined a volunteer company under the command of Captain John Rains [sic, probably Capt. John Ryan] and was marched to Stono, when they arrived there, deponent was selected as a spy, with a small number of others, who were subject to the direction & command of Pulaski, who had under his command a company of men called spur-men [? spear men?] -- deponent was not one of this company of spur-men, but as a spy was subject to the direction of Pulaski, in reconnoitering the enemy -- while in this service near Stono himself & 3 others approached so near the British Army as to be discovered by the guard, & fired on; but from which no injury was received. This engagement was to continue 6 weeks only, but deponent remained longer; & not having provided clothes and other necessities for a longer campaign upon application to the commanding officer received a verbal discharge only.

He then returned home, & not long thereafter left South Carolina for his native State Virginia where he remained in Brunswick County until the close of the war. One year after which he returned to Edgefield district in South Carolina and remained a year or 2; from thence he removed to Burke County Georgia, remained there 2 years, & then again returned to Edgefield in Carolina where he remained until 1809 at which time he removed to what was then Madison County Mississippi Territory, now Limestone County in the State of Alabama where he has continued to reside ever since.

The deponent further states that he was born in Brunswick County Virginia on the 10th day of February 1757 agreeably in the record of the same kept by his parents, & there information given him on the subject. That he made a record of his age in his family Bible from the record of his parents aforesaid and has no other record of his age, & he does not know what has become of the said record of his parents. Deponent states that he is known to Charles Hodges & Reuben Tilman who live in his present neighborhood to whom he refers for his character for truth, & also their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. I the said Flud Mitchell do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and I do also declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ Geo. W. Lane

S/ Flud Mitchel

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[Charles Hodges, a clergyman, and Reuben Tillman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

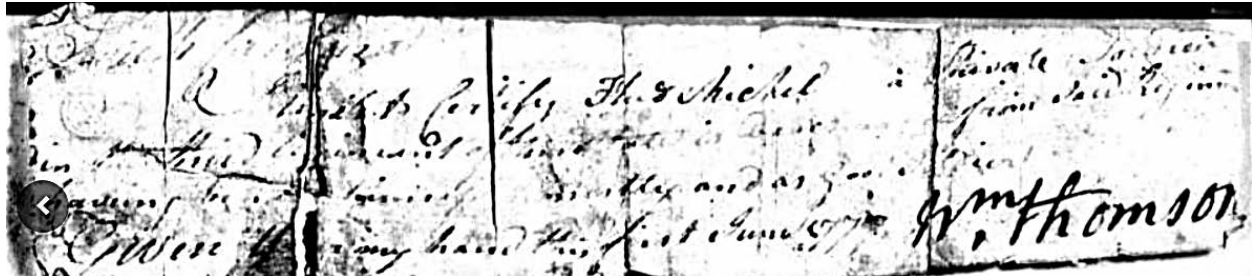
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South Carolina

This is to Certify Flud Michel a Private Soldier in the third Regiment of this State is Discharged from Said Regiment having [too faint to discern] himself Honestly and as [a] Good Soldier.

Given under my hand this first June 1779.

S/ Wm Thomson



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line and militia.]

[Note: There is no South Carolina Audited Account in this man's name. Where his name would logically fall alphabetically, there is a note that there is "No Folder" in the South Carolina Audited Accounts. I think it highly likely that someone has removed the folder and never returned it.]