

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Mitchell S1854

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State of Tennessee Maury County: SS

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James Huey, Robert Wortham and Peter Williams Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, now sitting, James Mitchell a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged Sixty Seven 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in December 1765 in the County of Orange State of North Carolina that he was about sixteen years old and resided in Orange County the service in April 1781 as a substitute for Andrew Mitchell for a three months tour, in a company commanded by William Douglass as the Captain, and under the Command of Col. Guildford Dudley [sic, Guilford Dudley]. Applicant states that the Regiment under Col. Dudley marched from Orange into Chatham [County] where it was entirely engaged in watching and keeping down the Tories of that County constantly engaged in pillage and murder of the Whigs. Applicant then marched with his Regiment from Chatham into the County of Randolph where he was principally engaged in scouring the country in pursuit of the Tories of that County committing many outrages on the persons and property of the Whig party. Applicant was marched from Randolph to the County of Guilford where he was employed in suppressing the Tories of that County always engaged in doing mischief in the absence of armed bodies of Whigs. Applicant returned home to Orange after having performed his three months engagement in July 1781.

Applicant states that in the fall of 1781 he volunteered for a second three months tour -- under the command of Capt. John Taylor, that he and his company marched to the Town of Hillsborough in Orange County where he was stationed as a guard over the Tory prisoners then in Hillsborough Jail about twenty in number -- he says he was in Hillsborough through the winter of 1781 and into January 1782, he then returned home, having served three months in his second tour.

Applicant states that in the fall of 1782 he substituted for a third tour of three months for one John Pew [could be spelled John Pugh], that he was in a fight with the Tories at Lewis

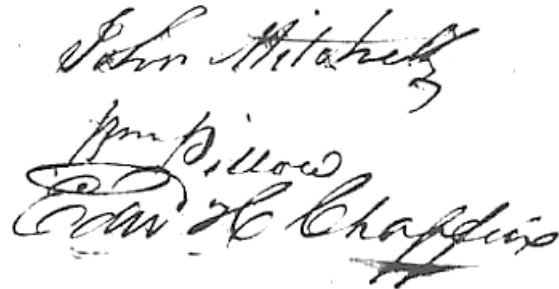
Kirk's<sup>1</sup> in the County of Orange, where Richard Edwards a Tory Capt. and Amos Thompson a Tory Lieut. were killed, that his own Capt. Abraham Allen under whom he was fighting was severely wounded in the engagement. Applicant states that he joined Gen. Butler [John Butler] after the battle at Lindley's Mills<sup>2</sup> and marched below Fayetteville in pursuit of the Tories and then returned home to Orange. This applicant states that he was engaged in the fight at Coxe's Mills<sup>3</sup> under the command of Col. O'Neal against the notorious Col. Fanning [David Fanning] who commanded the Tories. Applicant believes that he was discharged about three weeks after the defeat of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], having performed the three tours of dangerous active and laborious service, no written discharge. This applicant says he resided in Orange County North Carolina up to 1804 when he moved to the State of Kentucky where he resided till 1809, he then moved to the County of Maury State of Tennessee where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jas. Mitchell



S/ Thos. J. Porter, Clerk

[John Mitchell, William Pillow, Edward H. Chaffin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> September 12, 1781. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810912a.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_kirks\\_farm.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_kirks_farm.html)

<sup>2</sup> July 15, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810912.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_lindleys\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html)

<sup>3</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/coxsmill.htm>. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810608.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_coxs\\_mill\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_coxs_mill_1.html) & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_coxs\\_mill\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_coxs_mill_2.html) & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_coxs\\_mill\\_3.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_coxs_mill_3.html)