

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mitchell S1856

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State of Tennessee Maury County} SS

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before Robert Wortham, James Huey & Peter Williams -- Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting John Mitchell a resident in the County of Maury & State of Tennessee aged Seventy two, who being 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.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. This applicant states that he was born in January 1760 in the County of Orange State of North Carolina, that he was about eighteen years old when he entered the service as a Volunteer in a Company Commanded by Capt. William Williams attached to a Regiment under command of Col. William Moore. Applicant states that in the summer of 1778 the Regiment to which he belonged marched from the County of Orange near Hillsborough under General Ambrose Ramsey to the County of Burke for the purpose of joining General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] then at the Blue Ridge charged with the protection and defense of the frontiers from Indian ravages and massacre -- that within a few miles of where General Rutherford lay on the mountain orders were received by General Ramsey directing him with his command to return to Hillsborough for the purpose of watching and keeping in check the Tories then very troublesome in the Counties of Orange and Chatham. This applicant states that he was in no battles but much engaged in pursuing, arresting and guarding the Tory prisoners at Hillsborough and other places. Applicant further states that he performed considerable service under Capt. Matthew McCauley, that sometimes he performed as a mounted volunteer, -- and frequently out among the Infantry corps. Applicant volunteered for six months in August 1778, but does not remember when he was discharged precisely but feels convinced that he performed more than nine [months] service before he was finally discharged or quit the service. Applicant says he never received a written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence of his service or his age. He lived in Orange County North Carolina till 1811 when he moved to Maury County Tennessee where he has lived since. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. J. Porter, Clerk

S/ John Mitchell, Senior



[Willis Jones, Richard B. Paramore & James Mitchell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

James Mitchell "knew of his own knowledge that Applicant was a revolutionary soldier ..."]

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