

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Mitchell S2838

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State of Ohio Preble County: Court of Common Pleas September Term 1832: First Judicial Circuit of the Court of Common Pleas, in Ohio

On this twenty first day of September in the year while Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Preble in the State of Ohio, Elijah Mitchell, aged seventy-one years, a resident of the County of Preble, 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 seventh of June A.D. 1832.

That he entered the Army of the war of the Revolution as a drafted militia man, for three months, on the eighth day of April in the year 1779, in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, under Capt. James Barr, under Col. McDowell [Charles McDowell] that they marched to a point opposite Augusta on the Savannah River and marched down the said River, and joined the Army under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], opposite the town of Savannah. That they then pursued the British Army towards Charlestown SC, to bacon bridge upon the Ashley River, where they halted and remained about two days, that they pursued the British forces to where they crossed the Stono [ferry], where they lay until deponent's time was out when his time having expired he was discharged and returned home. Deponent obtained no written discharge. Deponent in the spring of the year 1780, volunteered at the County aforesaid as a minute militia man, under Capt. Ezra Alexander, and marched across the Catawba River and dispersed a company of Tories who had gathered together, and returned home after being out two weeks. Deponent performed another tour of duty in the fall of the same year against a party of Tories at a place called Romsours [Ramsour's] Mill [Ramseur's Mill, June 20, 1780], and was out two weeks at that time. Deponent further saith that after the defeat of General Gates [Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], he was called out to guard the country from the depredations of the Tories and British, under Capt. McRee, and remained in service that time about four weeks. Deponent further saith that when the British came to Charlotte and began to commit depredations he was again called out under the same Capt. and remained protecting the country, about four weeks. Deponent further saith that when the British crossed the Catawba River pursuing General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] he was again called out to defend his country and remained out protecting the country about four weeks during this time deponent neither received pay or discharge. Deponent again entered the service of his country in the month of July 1781, at Charlotte in Mecklenburg County NC to ride [?] post between Charlotte and the

Waxhaw Creek in NC deponent continued in this service of the United States for three months when he was discharged. Deponent received no written discharge nor did he receive any pay for it. Deponent served in all about nine months, during the war of the Revolution. Deponent was born somewhere in the State of Virginia according to the best information which he can obtain on this sixth day of March 1761, but has no written record of his age. Deponent has resided in Preble County of Ohio, about 25 years. Deponent has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness by which he can prove his said services; Deponent is well known to the Rev. Samuel Mitchell and James Fleming of Preble County, by whom he believes he can prove his good character, and that he is reputed to have been a soldier of the Revolution. Deponent never received any written discharge. 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 in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

S/ Elijah Mitchell, X his mark

[Rev. Samuel Mitchell, a clergyman, and James Fleming gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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

[Facts in file: Veteran moved from Preble County, Ohio to Huntington County, Indiana sometime prior to July 4, 1845; veteran died August 1, 1847.]