

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Mitchell S31261

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: Sct.

Be it known that on this 30th day of November 1833 personally appeared before Gideon Mitchell a Justice of the peace in and for Shelby County Kentucky and one of the Justices of the Shelby County Court Charles Mitchell a resident of said County and State aged 74 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 is to say being a resident of New Kent County in the State of Virginia he did in the latter part of the month of November 1780 as well as he remembers entered the service as a private volunteer on board the Schooner *Betsey & Peggy*¹ to which letters of marque² had been granted by the United States – that the vessel was commanded by Captain ___ Brown and intended [to] make a voyage to the West Indies and cruising in their neighborhood but before she could pass out of the Bay a part of the British Navy with troops on board under Arnold [Benedict Arnold] made its appearance in Hampton Roads and the enterprise was consequently abandoned – this happened in the latter part of December and he states that he was engaged upon this service at the least one month – and then returned to New Kent County Virginia.

He further states and declares that about the first of January in the year 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Captain Bacon upon a tour of 6 months – that he rendezvoused at Holt's forge in New Kent County where he still continued to live and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Innis [perhaps James Innis] – that General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] had the command of the troops with which he served that they were kept in the Country to protect it from the depredations of the British – that he was marched [from] place to place in New Kent County first – then to Williamsburg – that he was once at York during this term of service – that the whole of the tour he was actively engaged under the orders of his officers in ranging the country along James River and a part of the Bay coast and after having fully and faithfully performed his said tour of six months he was discharged and went home. He states that soon after he was in the service

¹ *Betsey and Peggy*.

S:87, VA schooner, 1780. Eller:470, captured in Feb 1781 laden with James River tobacco, by HMS Charleston, Capt Evans, and sent to Sandy Hook.

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20B.html>

² Virginia, like other states during the revolution, licensed privateers (privately owned and operated vessels) to sail the seas in search of enemy shipping to capture.

upon this tour the maneuvering between the American Army under Lafayette and the British Army under Cornwallis took place though he was not with the main Army in any of its evolutions.

He further states and declares that in the month of June 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier under Captain Hopkins [perhaps Walter Hopkins] upon a tour of one month the object being to aid in removing some public stores from Albemarle Courthouse to New London a distance of 60 or 70 miles perhaps more according to his present impression – that he did engage in said service and in guarding said stores during the whole period of his said engagements and at the termination thereof he was discharged and returned home – he states that he was under an officer of no higher grade than Captain during this tour.

He states that he is confident from his present best recollection that he served in the manner above stated and that his services during the revolutionary war did not amount to less than 7 months as a private volunteer soldier and one month as a mariner on board the Schooner *Betsey and Peggy* and for said service he claims a pension.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 & year aforesaid.

S/ Charles Mitchell



Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the said Justice

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Goochland County Virginia in the year 1759

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have in my Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in New Kent County Virginia when I entered [the service]. After I left the service I went to Fluvanna County Virginia and there continued to have my residence until 1795 when I moved to Fayette County Kentucky – from thence the year following I moved to Frankfurt and from thence to Woodford County Kentucky where I lived till 1803 and then moved to Shelby County Kentucky where I have continued to reside up to the present time.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I do not recollect that there were any regular troops where I served. I think all the men I served with were militia & volunteers. I recollect Colonel Innis and Colonel Dabney who were militia officers – I volunteered first to take a cruise on board the Schooner *Betsey & Peggy* but after getting under way we were compelled by the British who had appeared in Hampton Roads to return. I next volunteered in Captain Bacon's Company and was engaged a long James River

& the Bay Coast in protecting the country from the British – and lastly I volunteered and assisted in removing some stores belonging to the public from Albemarle Courthouse to New London.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received no discharge that I distinctly recollect

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will name Jacob Busey and Jesse Baskett

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Charles Mitchell

[Jacob Busey & Jesse Baskett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia service.]