

into the service under the command of the aforesaid Col. Martin and Captain Sharpe that while under the command of these officers aforesaid he did not nor did he ever at any time join the main body of the army, which he thinks, was during his time of service stationed or at least confined to the state of South Carolina --That...

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...during his whole tour of service he was confined to the state of North Carolina, the companies under the command of the aforesaid Col. Martin and Captain Sharpe were not, during that time called out of that state, that they started to march after some Tories whom they understood had collected themselves at Lindlay's mills [sic, Lindley's Mill]¹ on Clear Creek a branch of Haw River, but that, in consequence of hearing that the Tories were dispersed they did not reach the mills but that this deponent was at the capture of some Tories during the term of his services as volunteer as here in after mentioned. That this declarant was not discharged until the whole term of 9 months had expired when he received his discharge from Col. Martin who signed the same as, he thinks, did also some other officers -- that he has lost said discharge in consequences of not having supposed it to be valuable.

And this declarant further states that he went again into service as volunteer around the last of February or First of March in the year 1781 under, he thinks according to the best information he can at present receive and the impressions of his own memory, the aforesaid Col. Martin and Captain Sharpe -- that he was marched under the command of said officers from Guildford Court House as aforesaid where he enlisted as a volunteer aforesaid to Hirock ford [sic, High Rock Ford]² on Haw River in said state of N. Carolina, where they met that portion of the army under the command of General Greene, that they joined the army under General Greene and marched from there during the night to what place this declarant cannot recollect in consequence of a failure of memory, but distinctly recollects the severity of the duty he performed on said march he being placed as baggage guard in the rear of the main body that this declarant was at the capture of a company of Tories, whom they surprised by suddenly coming upon them, the Tories having captured a man sometime previously -- this declarant thinks that this surprise of the sd. Tories was in sd Guildford County and he thinks now, was at his father's house in said county,

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...that during said tours of services this declarant recollects to have seen no other officers in the Regulars Services except the aforesaid Gen Green, Col Martin, and Capt Sharpe, that he does not now recollect to what regiment he was attached, nor can he recollect any continental or Militia Regiment, that he never imposed the recollection of such matters upon his mind, not supposing that they would ever be useful, but now, not only in them, but the recollection of other incidents of any important character, finds his memory much impaired by time and circumstances -- that he has a record at home, and that from said record, which is taken from his fathers family register, he was born in Pennsylvania on the 23rd day of August in the year 1761-this declarant further states since the revolution he has lived in the following states to wit; that he resided in Guildford County North Carolina for the twenty five or thirty years next succeeding the revolution, that at the expiration of about that time he moved from Thence to the State of Indiana, in which he has resided ever since and in which state he continues to reside-that the whole time of his residence in Indiana is about sixteen years-that he has accompanied this declaration certificate of Gideon Potter a minister of the Gospel and Jessee Rector, Francis McBride and James Pace all of the county in which the said declarant- at present resides, and to whom said declarant-is know , and by whom he can prove his general character and reputation for truth and veracity, and who can testify as to their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution, which he prays may be received and

¹ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>

² <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/highrockford.htm>

made a part of this record-this declarant-hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except-the resent, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Abraham Mitchell

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Mr Gideon Potter a clergyman, resting in the county of Lawrence and State of Indiana, and Jessee Rector and Francis M. McBride and James Pace residing in the same county and state, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Abraham Mitchell, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy two years of age, that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Gideon Potter MG
Jesse Rector
Francis M. McBride
James Pace

Interrogatories put by the Court.

1. Question- When and in what year were you born?
Answer- I was born in Pennsylvania on the 23rd day of August 1761.
2. Question- Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?
Answer-I have a record of my age taken from my fathers family register, which record is now at my home in this county.
3. Question- Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
Answer- when called into service I was living in Guildford County in the State of North Carolina where I also resided the twenty five or thirty years next succeeding the revolution, after which time I removed to the State of Indiana, where I at present reside, and where I have resided the sixteen years last past.
4. Question- How were you called into service, were you drafted, or did you volunteer, were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?
Answer- I was drafted into the service for a nine month tour, sometime during the year 1778, I afterward volunteered about the last

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of February or first of March in the year 1781 I was never a substitute for anyone.

5. Question- State the names of the some of regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and malitia regiments as you can recall, and the general circumstance of years service
Answer- I recollect no other regular officers besides Gen. Green, Col. Martin, and Captain Sharpe, I recollect no continental and malitia regiments in consequence of an infirmity and in my recollection. There are none other leading circumstances In my service than the movement after the Tories-at Lindlays Mill. The capture of the Tories in, I think, Guildford County N. Carolina, the meeting of the army under Gen. Green at Hirock Ford on Haw River, and the severity of my service as baggage guard, which is distinctly impressed upon my recollection.

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

Answer- I received a discharge by the service, by Col. Martin, and signed by him, and, I think, some other officers but I have lost it in consequence of not supposing it to be valuable.

7. Question- State the names of the persons to whom you are known in or present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer- Gideon Potter minister of the Gospel- Jesse Rector –Francis McBride and James Pace

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And the said court to hereby certify their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department (which interrogatories and answers hear to subjoin) that the above name applicant Abraham Mitchell was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states in the court further certifies that it appears to them that Gideon Potter who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergy man resident in Said County and that Jesse Rector, Francis McBride, and James Pace who has also signed the same, are all creditable persons, and that their statement is entitled to full credence and belief.

Asher Wilcox Judge of the Probate Court of Lawrence County State of Indiana

State of Indiana

Lawrence County

Personally appeared before me Alexander A. Dunihue a justice of the peace in and for Said County Abraham Mitchell who being duly sworn, deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below, and in the following grades; for not less than one month as volunteer and the whole of the nine months for which I was drafted except 2 months which I think was the length of my sickness- leaving a service as drafted militia man 7 months and for said services I claim a pension

Abraham Mitchell

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 12th Nov. 1833

Alex H. Dunihue

Justice of the peace