

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kitchen S34949

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State of Mississippi Monroe County: Sct.

On this 4th day of October 1825 personally appeared in open Court it being a County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid John Kitchen aged about sixty-seven years or thereabouts and a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said John Kitchen enlisted for the Term of eighteen months on the \_\_day of February in the year of our Lord 1779 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Henry Hampton in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Henderson in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the \_\_ day of May in the year 1780 [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]<sup>1</sup> when he was taken prisoner by the British at the battle on Sullivan's Island which prevented his regular discharge --

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll and that the following all the reasons why this application for a pension has not been made earlier

First, that he made application to William Cocke Esquire -- an attorney at law, almost seven years since and shortly after the passage of the act of Congress of 1818, that he was in suspense two or three years and finally disappointed --

That he afterwards made application to Felix H. Walker Esquire an attorney at law who after detaining him in suspense and [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup> in constant expectation of his pension for a year or two likewise disappointed him; that he has since that time made application, and for some informality it has been rejected, and finally this declarant states that ever since the passage of the act of Congress of 1818 he has been making constant exertions to procure his pension.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

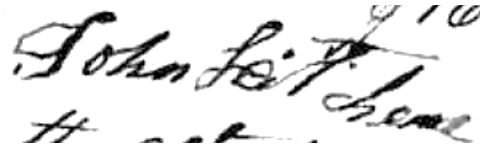
That since the 18th day of March 1818 no changes have taken place in my property except the following.

That on the 18th day of March 1818 I owned one mare and four or five head of cattle -- only -- that since that time the mare in my possession on the 18th day of March 1818 has produced him one colt, that two of the above named four or five head of cattle have died, the balance still remain in my possession, and I have never sold since that time any of my property. -- and these are the only changes that have taken place with regard to my property since the 18th day of March 1818.

A schedule of the property of said John Kitchen to wit

Two cows and calves estimated to be worth	\$24.00
Two horses	160.00

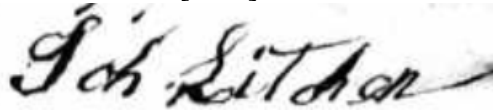
S/ John Kitchen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Kitchen". There is a small "10" written above the signature.

And in further pursuance of the acts of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 the said John Kitchen saith that he is a farmer and from his age and bodily infirmity he can with great difficulty pursue his said occupation and the declarant further says that he has a wife residing with him of great age and extremely infirm, that his wife is about seventy-two years of age and almost helpless, and entirely unable in any manner to support herself -- that he has no other person residing with him and that he and his said wife compose the whole of his family.

Sworn to and declared this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1825 in Open Court

S/ Joh Litcher [sic ?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joh Litcher".

[p 11: Letter dated March 8, 1845 addressed to J L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, from Matthew Gibbs datelined Athens Monroe County Mississippi in which the correspondent inquires as to whether or not the veteran (then still living) was entitled to the pension he would have received had his application been approved in 1818 instead of October of 1825.]

[The veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 4, 1825, for service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line for 9 months.]