

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Collin Mitchum (Mitchiam, Michum, Mechem) S38215 f8SC/VA

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

County of Shenandoah and State of Virginia

On this third day of June in the year 1825 personally appeared Collin Mitchum residing in said County aged in or about sixty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain his pension or the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820: that he the said Collin Mitchum as aforesaid enlisted in the Town of Woodstock in the County of Shenandoah in State of Virginia in the month of March 1776 in the 8 Va. Regt. commanded by Peter Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] for two years and marched from said Woodstock to Sunbury in Georgia and that privilege was given [by] my own Officers [for me] to enlist into South Carolina service I served in said Regiment Va. for upwards of the eleven months on the information being given to the Soldiers that they might return home or enlist in the South Carolina service under Captain Thomas Jarvey of the 5th Regiment of riflemen under the command of Colonel Ugre [sic, Isaac Huger] (shortly after appointed General of South Carolina[]) and served three years in said State and was commissioned by the Governor as a Lieutenant during the said term but the dates I do not recollect as on my way from the South to Virginia I was robbed of my pocket book and all my papers and money except about 5½ guineas which brought me to Petersburg Virginia which was my all, and that he was discharged from the service at Charlestown South Carolina and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension under the present law except the sum of \$80 per annum that he received from the State of Virginia for wounds received in the American Revolution.

S/ Jo. Evans

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th 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 of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property

S/ Colin Michum, X his mark [sic]

[Attested by Jo. Evans]

A Schedule of the real and personal property of Collin Mitchum the applicant the within petitioner is
no real estate

one bed, bedstead and furniture for which I paid	\$10.00
1 box \$1.67 1 do \$1.34 1 cupboard & \$2.50	5.51
2 chairs \$1 1 pot \$1 skillet 4/ 1 chaffbad \$1.25	4.92
1 blanket \$4.50 1 sheet \$1.25 1 quilt \$2.00	7.75
1 coffee pot 42 cts 2 old axes \$1.75 2 hoes \$1.25	3.40
1 old sprouting hoe 3/ 1 wedge 3/ 1 plow 7/6	2.25
3 knives & forks 4/6, 3 tin cups 1/6	1.00
4 jugs 3/ 1 decanter 2/3	<u>.87 ½</u>
	\$34.70 ½

I have no occupation except that of a laborer on the farm I have no family but myself, though my daughter with 5 small children (Lee near Poore)¹ [?] live together.

State of Virginia County of Shenandoah

I Joseph Edwards a Justice of the Peace in & for the County & State aforesaid and a member of the Court of said County do hereby certify that the above named Collin Michum is unable to attend Court and that [h]is inability is owing to wounds received in the American Revolution together with a fall he got on the ice in the year 1815 which through his hip out of place which remain so as also his advanced age for I have been acquainted with the said Michum from the year 1801 or 2 and I believe he is unable to attend without great pain &c and unable to attend the Court of which I am a Justice of the Peace & I do not think from present appearances that he will be able to attend the Court above named at its next Session I have therefore in pursuance of the act of Congress of the first of March 1823 attend at his place of abode and administered and administered the foregoing oath.

S/ Jo. Evans

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 20, 1825, for service as a Corporal in the South Carolina line.]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 39-page file

[Note: Almost all of the documents in this file relate to annual powers of attorney and renewals of an \$80 per annum pension granted to the veteran by the state of Virginia. I have elected not to transcribe any of these "boilerplate" documents since they contain no fact relating to the actual military service of the veteran. Also, it should be noted that the images of all of the documents posted in this file have been cut off in the process of duplication at both the top and the bottom thereof. As an aside, I think the Virginia Library should sue whoever was given the responsibility of copying the documents in these files in that it is altogether too often the case that the digital images posted on its site have been compromised in the copying process.]

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State of Virginia Page County – to wit

I, William A Harris, Clerk of the County Court of Page do hereby certify that at a court

¹ *(Lee near Poore)*

held for the said County on Monday the 24 day of February 1834, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Court by two witnesses, that Collin Mitchum alias Collin Mitchiam, who was both a United States and the State Pensioner died on the 30 day of December 1833 – that he left no widow, – and that he left two children living at the time of his death, to wit – Henry Mitchum and Sally Brown, wife of Thomas Brown, which was ordered to be certified, that Abraham Stickler is a magistrate as within named and that the signatures purporting to be his, are genuine. [Attested March 13th, 1834 by William A. Harris clerk of the Page County court.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Shenandoah Legislative Papers [2 files: one under the name Collin Mitcham and the other under the name Collin Mechem]

To the Hon. the Speaker & Members of the General [Assembly] of Virginia

The petitions of Colan Mitchum [sic] in the 8th Virginia Regiment enlisted under Col. Mulinberg [sic] in 1776 & marched to South Carolina in the course of the same year where General orders was Issued that any Soldier in the one or two-year Service might Enlist in any other Corps or Regiment which were then raising for three years or During the war your petitioner at that time enlisted in the latter In which service & at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] Received a wound in his thigh of which he recovered in the Course of four or five months & returned to his Duty under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] & at the Battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] soon after his return got Crippled in his right Shoulder which Misfortune he also recovered of so as to be able to return home in the Course of the Year to the County of Shenandoah where he now resides & begs leave to inform your Hon. body that notwithstanding His Crippled Situation, He still laboured all he could & has made out to support a Large Family of Children without any aid from his Country – as I had too much pride to ask it whilst I could possibly Do without But as I have advanced in years my Health has ~~proportionable~~ been much impaired – as my wounded Limbs are Now more painful Than they were in my youth & my bodily Infirmities which are Incident to old age in addition to those already mentioned has rendered me Incapable of future Labour & beg Leave to state that I have a wife & several small Children now to take care of & Can render them no service except that of Dropping a tear from an old Soldier & controlling with them in our miserable State of poverty, Destitute almost, of Every Comfort of Life; Therefore prays such relief in this case as you in your wisdom shall think right & as In duty bound will Ever pray &c.

S/ Collin Mitcham [sic]

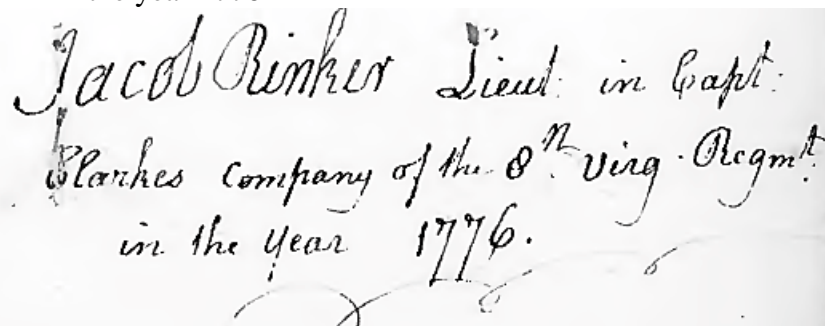
Colin Mitcham's pet.
Claims
December 18, 1801
(reasonable)
reported on
(Bill made out)

In the year of our Lord 1776 in the months of January, February or March a certain Colan Mitcham of Shenandoah County enlisted as a Soldier in Capt. Richard Campbell's Company of the Eighth Virginia Regiment of Regulars, said Mitcham continued in said Regiment until sometime in the Summer of the same year, when the Regiment was marched to Charles Town

[Charleston] in South Carolina and from thence to the State of Georgia; that there the officers of some of the regiments which were to be raised in the Southern States got permission to enlist men of the said Eighth Regiment, and amongst others the said Colan Mitcham also enlisted into some one of the said Southern Regiments, Troops or Companies, but I do not recollect which, that I did not see said Mitcham afterwards until sometime after peace was made when he Returned to the said County of Shenandoah and was Crippled in one of his legs and in one of his arms and shoulders – he informs me he was wounded in some Engagement with the British to the Southward, he still lives in Shenandoah County has a wife and some small Children, continues to be laying in one of his legs arm and shoulder and is very poor.

Certified under my hand this 21st day of November 1801

S/ Jacob Rinker, Lieut. in Capt.
Starkes Company of the 8th Virginia Regiment
in the year 1776



Jacob Rinker Lieut. in Capt.
Starkes Company of the 8th Virg. Regmt.
in the Year 1776.

[file under the name of Collin Mechem]

To the Hon. the Senate & House of Delegates of Virginia

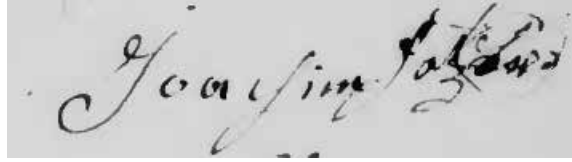
Your Petitioner Collin Mechem a native born Citizen of the State of Virginia and County of Prince William aged fifty-nine years – your petitioner states that when in his Eighteenth or Nineteenth year tho so contrary to his father's will which caused his father [several words too faint to discern] as he was not friendly towards the Struggle [the balance of this document is difficult to read because it is very faint with many words being rendered illegible and only an occasional word being legible, I have elected not to struggle through trying to decipher it. The veteran signed this petition with his mark.]

The affidavit of Joseph Acorn Fetzer [sic, [Joachim Fetzer S39518](#)] [word too faint to discern] on oath at the Court House of Shenandoah County on the 8th day of October 1816 [word too faint to discern] Deposeth & Saith that in the year 1776 he the said Jo Acam Fetzer marched from Woodstock in Capt. Clark's Company of Riflemen attached to the 8 Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenberg and that the affiant was personally acquainted with the above named Collin Mechem who was a Regular Soldier [one or more words too faint to discern] in Capt. Richard Campbell's Corps of Riflemen from Woodstock and attached [one or more words too faint to discern] to the 8 Regiment under the command of Col. P. Muhlenberg and the affiant further saith that he marched from Woodstock Shenandoah County to Suffolk to Charleston South Carolina thence Savannah & Sunbury [Sunbury] where we was Commanded by General Lee [Charles Lee] During all which time I knew the above Collin Mechem as a regular Soldier who discharged his Duty with Honor and Satisfaction to his commanders and all his Brothers in

arms.

Subscribed and Sworn to this day & year above written.

S/ [illegible signature of Joachim Fetzer]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joachim Fetzer". The ink is dark and the background is light, possibly a scan of a document.

Shenandoah County to wit

The affidavit of Jacob Rinker Senior Taken at the Court House of said County in the Town of Woodstock on the 12th day of November in the year 1816 before me the Subscriber an acting Magistrate in and for said County who declares and saith. That in the beginning of the year 1776 Collum Mitcham enlisted as a soldier in Capt. Richard Campbell's Company a longing to the 8th Virginia Regiment of Regular forces, that this deponent at that time was a Lieut. in Capt. Jonathan Clarke's Company belonging to the same Regiment that in the month of March in the said year 1776 the said two Companies were complete and marched together from the said County of Shenandoah to Williamsburg, from thence marched on, crossed James River at James Town, to Suffolk in Virginia, where said two Companies were joined by other companies belonging to the said Regiment, and where the said Regiment remained doing duty until on or about 16th day of May in the same year, when the said Regiment marched under the immediate command of the then Col. Peter Muhlenberg through the Carolinas to Charleston in South Carolina where the Regiment arrived on the 24th or 25th day of June in the same year and witnessed the Battle on Sullivan's Island which was fought on the 28th day of the same month in the month of August, in the same year the said Regiment marched from Charleston to Savannah in Georgia and from thence to Sunbury in Georgia, and this deponent recognized the said Collum Mitcham the whole time and way, still belonging to said Capt. Campbell's Company until the month of September in the same year 1776, the said Collum Mitcham left said Regiment and Company and inlisted with some other officers belonging to the Continental Army of the States of the Carolinas or Georgia who had obtained permission to recruit out of the said 8th Virginia Regiment, and this deponent saith that he did not see or hear anything of said Collum Mitcham from that time until the year or a few years after the peace was made in the year 1783, he 1st saw said Collum Mitcham again in the said County of Shenandoah, where he now lives and is very poor and getting old.

S/ Jacob Rinker

[Attested in Shenandoah County November 12, 1816]