

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mitchell S38216

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State of Alabama

At a Circuit Court begun & holden for the County of Morgan on the 4th Monday in April 1824 (the said Court being a Court of Record having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the common law) William Mitchell a resident of said County aged sixty-eight years came personally into open Court and having been duly sworn doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, the 1st of May 1820 and the 1st of March 1823. That the said William Mitchell about the year 1777 he enlisted for the term of three years in the company commanded by Captain ___ Hawkins [Probably Moses Hawkins (who was killed at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777])¹ in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis [probably Charles Lewis] who commanded the 14th Regiment in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he served under the said Captain Hawkins until he was killed at the battle of Brandywine and in the same Company afterwards during his term of service which after Captain Hawkins death was commanded by Captain Overton [probably John Overton Junior] who was Lieutenant at the time Captain Hawkins was killed. That he served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ Lewis until he resigned, and then he served in the same Regiment which was afterwards commanded by Colonel ___ Davis [probably William Davies] who commanded the Regiment during his time of service & enlistment, and he was discharged by Captain Overton under whom he served at the time at Philadelphia. That he was in the battle of Brandywine, at Germantown [October 4, 1777] and at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] besides other engagements of less magnitude, that he got a regular discharge at Philadelphia, but has by will some means or other lost or mislaid it 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 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

Schedule as follows

One cow worth \$8

¹ Contrary to the veteran's recollection, Captain Moses Hawkins of the 14th Virginia Continental Regiment was killed at the battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777, not at the battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777.

S/ William Mitchell, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court
Test William B McClellan, Clerk

And the said William Mitchell further says that he is by occupation a farmer, that at this time he has no family having lost his wife some years ago & his children are all from him, that he is sickly and unable to do much of anything, and lives sometimes with one of his sons and sometimes among his acquaintances, that he is much afflicted with Rheumatic Pains which renders him totally unable to make by his own labor a subsistence that this disease is increasing on him and at times he is unable to get out of his bed.

S/ William Mitchell, X his mark

Also on the same day came into Court Charles Ross a credible witness who is a resident Citizen of said County and makes oath that he served in the 14th Virginia Regiment with the said William Mitchell during the Revolution for about 2 years & 6 months that the said Mitchell was a Corporal in the Company to which he belonged and that he knew him well all the time they continued in the said Regiment together that he believes the foregoing Declaration of said William to be true so far as it relates to his services in the Revolution

S/ Charles Ross,² X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died September 1840; there is no family data in this file other than is reflected in the veteran's application.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 26, 1824, for service as a private for 3 years Virginia Continental line.]

² [Charles Ross S39036](#)