

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Mitchell S38231

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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 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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I William Daniel one of the Judges of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia do certify that Thomas Mitchell who now resides in the County of Charlotte in the said Commonwealth and aged about sixty-three years came this day personally before me and made the following declaration upon oath, that is to say, that he the said Thomas Mitchell in the year 1780 he enlisted as a common soldier in the service of the United States with Captain Thomas Boyer [Thomas Bowyer] for the term of three years -- whose company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Buford [Abraham Buford]<sup>1</sup> (he thinks it was the 5th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment but cannot say with positive certainty what number) that he continued in the said service until the end of the term for which he enlisted that he was in the Battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781] where he was wounded by a ball through both his thighs -- that so soon as he recovered therefrom he again joined his company then at Hillsboro and continued therein until he was discharged at Salsbury [Salisbury] in the State of North Carolina - - which discharge is now destroyed or otherwise mislaid. That he is now in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support -- and I do further certify that Charles H. Slaughter also came personally before me and made oath, that he lives as a near neighbor to the said Thomas Mitchell and knows him to be poor & in reduced circumstances.

I do also further certify that the said Thomas Mitchell produced to me the affidavits of Hezekiah Morton<sup>2</sup> of the County of Prince Edward made in usual form before Moses Tredway a Justice of the peace of the said County -- and of Charles McKinney of Charlotte County made in like manner before William McKinney a Justice of the peace of that County to corroborate his own declaration already above stated -- all which I do herein enclosed and send to the Secretary for the department of war of the United States to avail as it should to enable the said Thomas Mitchell to obtain the relief lately created by an act of Congress for certain persons who were engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War -- it appearing to my satisfaction that the said Thomas Mitchell was engaged in the service of the United States against the Common Enemy in the Revolutionary War for the term of nine months & more -- and that he is now in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support -- and there being no official seal, I hereto subscribe my own hand &c at Lynchburg in the County of Campbell this 21<sup>st</sup> day of the summer 1818.

S/ Wm Daniel {Seal}

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<sup>1</sup> [Abraham Buford S46372](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Hezekiah Morton BLWt69-300](#)

Virginia

At a Court held for the County of Charlotte the 9 day of August

On this 9th Day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court before a Court of record for the said County Thomas Mitchell age sixty-five years resident of the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted as a soldier in the year 1780 in the Continental Army in the Virginia line Captain Bowyer's company, Colonel Green's detachment as will appear from my former declaration bearing date the 21st of December 1818, that I have received a pension agreeable he to a Certificate Issued from the War Department the 5th day of Marched 1819 No. 7177, and 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 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

The following is a true schedule of my property -- Real estate 265 acres of land, 100 of which is conveyed in trust eight years ago to secure the payment of a Inst debt [paper torn and part missing] head of horses worth \$100 three of which are under Execution [paper torn and text missing] payment of about \$70 -- 1 Cow and yearling worth \$8 -- [p?]ine table \$2, 1 pine chest 1/3 doz. Common chairs \$2 [paper torn and text missing] illing lines 1 frou, 1 Coulter Boxes 1 Dagon [?] plow and [indecipherable word] [text torn and missing] lines worth \$2, 2 pots 1 Dutch oven & 1 skillet worth [text torn and missing] 1 pr flat irons 1 Dish 1 bowl 1 set knives and forks [text torn and missing] doz. Cups and saucers worth \$2 1 head hogs \$2 some [text torn and missing] not recollected perhaps not worth more than that my income is a pension from the state of Virginia for \$60 per year.

That my family consists of myself occupation a planter and [text torn and missing] in term from my wounds through both thighs, my wife [name missing because the text is torn, appears to end in the letters 'ey']<sup>3</sup> aged 66 [?]<sup>4</sup>, very unhealthy not able barely to help herself -- 2 sons Claiborne and Saml. the eldest 14 [?]<sup>5</sup> years youngest 12 years old, well and sound, sworn and [text torn and missing] to on the 9 day of August 1820 before the Court [text torn and missing]

[p 10: The court valued the property listed by the veteran at \$2?? [the court's seal of skewers the last 2 digits of the court's evaluation of the property.]

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I do hereby certify that on this 16th day of March 1781, it being the day after the Battle at

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<sup>3</sup> The War Department's summary of the contents of the file indicates that the wife of the veteran was named Nancy (her maiden name not stated). This summary gives her age as 55 years; son Claiborne 16 years and son Samuel 12 years of age in 1820.

<sup>4</sup> 56

<sup>5</sup> 14

Guilford Court house, I was walking through the different parts of the encampment, and amongst the wounded of the American Army, I saw Thomas Mitchell, who was wound [sic] by a ball through both thighs, the said Mitchell was then a soldier in the Continental line. Given under my hand this 28th day of November 1818

S/ Charles McKinney, Senior

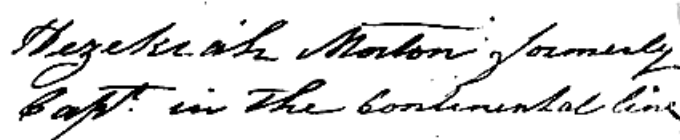


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I do certify that Thos Mitchell enlisted a soldier for three years in the Continental line early in the fall of 1780 and served in Captain Thomas Bowyer's company in Colonel Bufort's Regt and was Badly wounded in the action at Gilford and after getting well joined the Army again and served until Discharged.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1818

S/ Hezekiah Morton, formerly Captain of the Continental line



[Attested in Prince Edward County Virginia October 2, 1818]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 21, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 4-page file

January 30, 1809

I do certify that Thomas Mitchell enlisted a Soldier for 3 years in the Continental Army and served under me until the Action near Guilford Court House where he was wounded through each thigh by Musket ball which rendered him unable to bare arms thereafter.

S/ Hezekiah Morton, formerly

Captain in the Continental Army

[attested in Prince Edward County January 30, 1809]

Thomas Mitchell appears to have drawn 100 acres for 3 years service, the 21 June 1783 warrant Numbered 999

S/ E Blagrove

Land Office April 19, 1809

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 37-page file

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[note: image of the actual certificate given by Thomas Mitchell is cut off at the top of it and no sense can be made of what is left, but the acknowledge sheds some light on what he likely said:

Thomas Mitchell came before me one of the Justices of the County of Charlotte in the

State of Virginia and made oath that he is the same Thomas Mitchell whom the Virginia Legislature placed on the list of Pensioners, That he served under the command of General Thomas Green at the battle of Guilford Court House, at the time he was disabled, and that he now resides in the County of Charlotte and has resided there for the past 12 years and upwards.  
Given under my hand &c 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1818

S/ Grief Barksdale

[Note: All of the papers in this file relates to the annual or semiannual disbursement of the \$60 per year pension up to and through the year 1824.]

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Charlotte County Legislative Petitions

To the Hon. the Legislature of Virginia The petition of Thomas Mitchell of the County of Charlotte most humbly Sheweth that during the revolutionary war he enlisted for the term of three years and under the orders of Capt. Morton of Prince Edward [County] he fought in the memorable battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in which he was severely wounded by a ball that passed through both his thighs the effects of which now that he has grown old are such as to incapacitate him from gaining a support by labour, Your Petitioner has refrained thus long to apply to the legislature and ask their bounty from a pride [prideful] wish to do without it, but now that he is old, and rendered infirm by the wound he received fighting in the battles of Liberty, he appeals confidently to and asks that such some may annually be allowed him as will keep him in his old age from the anguish incident to owing the remnant of his life to private charity the prime of which has been devoted to the advancement of the honor glory & liberty of his country and as in duty bound he will pray &c

S/ Thomas Mitchell<sup>6</sup>

[Reverse]

Petition of Thomas Mitchell  
Received December 17<sup>th</sup> 1811  
Referred to Claims  
Reasonable December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Reported December 23  
Bill Drawn January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1812

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<sup>6</sup> probably not the original signature of the veteran since the handwriting matches that of the petition