

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Mitchell S4222

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State of Tennessee Sumner County

On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now in session Solomon Mitchell a resident of said State of Tennessee in the County of Sumner aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – He entered the service as a volunteer soldier in the County of Dorchester in the State of Maryland where he then lived in the year 1777 and served for the term of three years in Captain Joseph Ralston's Company of minute men, under the command of Colonel Bartholomew Ewells and Major John Smoote the number of the Regiment not now recollected – which in the summer Lord Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia] & large British fleet entered the Chesapeake Bay and went up near the center of the State and there came to anchor. Upon the reception of orders for all the volunteer companies that men in readiness to March without delay to Cambridge Town the seat of Justice for Dorchester County, and there to join the Delman [?] Troops. Accordingly the company to which applicant was attached immediately marched to Cambridge and there mustered into the service of the Country. He remained in that situation for some time when they were ordered to return home but to hold themselves in readiness to march at a minute's warning this order was given at that time under the impression that the British fleet had left our shores – but after returning home they were immediately ordered out for the purpose of preventing the British fleet effecting a landing – They accordingly marched out and when stationed on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay until the fleet of the enemy sailed by them up to the head of Elk River where they landed and marched to Philadelphia and remained there for some time. They then returned to their fleet and sailed down before the troops as before stationed. After remaining in this situation for some time we were ordered to return home, but the company to which Applicant was attached was ordered to remain in readiness to enter upon the performance of military duty at any moment – the country being in a state of alarm at the expected return of the enemy. Sometime after the enemy was regarded as having left our coast – this petitioner's Father sold out his possessions in the state of Maryland & removed to the State of North Carolina in the County of Guilford. After he had been residing in North Carolina but for a short period news came that the British fleet under Lord Dunmore had actually landed at Charleston in South Carolina, and that Wallace's [Cornwallis'] whole Army was marching through South

Carolina. Upon the reception of this information this petitioner volunteered himself as a private soldier in the character of a minute man in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Wilson in Guilford County in the year 1781 and marched immediately to Guilford Court-House from which place they marched and joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army. The British Army under the guidance of Lord Corn Wallis took a southern [?] direction and marched in the State of Virginia. Applicant after remaining in Green's Army for some time was ordered to return home and remaining in readiness at any moment.

Soon after this a Body of Tories collected at Wm Oneals [William O'Neal's] race pathes and Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] received information that they had embodied to assist the enemy they immediately marched under Colonel Lee and overtook the Tories and in a Battle [Pyle's Defeat of Holt's Race Paths February 25, 1781] nearly killed and took the whole of them. After this a part of the Tories that were taken prisoners were placed under Captain Whittrill who called on Captain A. Wilson to parade his company and guard them, which was done and they taken to John Kimmie [?] Blacksmith shop, at which place news reached us that a company from the Army of Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] understanding [two indecipherable words] men intended to release the Tories from our possession – The guard immediately marched the Tories by night about thirty miles so as to put them out of the power of the enemy. Sometime after this news came that the British Army were stationed at Mrs. Flack's near the residence of this petitioner's father – This Petitioner and James Flack obtained a permit to go down and see what was the consequence, and on their arrival they learned that a Brother of each of them had been taken prisoners and the Brother of this petitioner never returned. By this time the British had marched over to Reedy fork to John Duffie's and taken possession of Captain Whitsell's Mills and had placed a strong guard there to protect the wagons which were loaded with grain and which was left to the ground into meal for their Army – said Flack and this petitioner then determined to waylay the road and take possession of every wagon that passed going to the British Army, and actually did take in the Ford of Reedy fork a wagon and team with a load of corn, – the Horses they carried in the woods and tied them for safekeeping – the corn they took and distributed amongst their friends – A short time after this the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] was fought and at which place this petitioner would have been but for the entreaties of his Mother. This petitioner was born as has been stated in the County of Dorchester in the State of Maryland in the year 1761. He has a record of his age which may be found in the office of records in the Town of Cambridge in the said County of Dorchester in the State of Maryland at which place he was living when he entered the service. His father removed to the state of North Carolina in the County of Guilford where he lived during the Revolutionary War, from which place he removed to the County of Sumner in the state of Tennessee where he has been living about 28 years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state.

S/ Sele Mitchell



[Abraham Martin, 58, gave a standard supporting affidavit. David Bradley and Reuben Searcy gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Sumner County

The amended Declaration of Solomon Mitchell in order to obtain the benefit of an act of

Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. He states in this amended declaration that he entered the service of thing in the Revolutionary war under Captain Joseph Robertson as a volunteer and served without any intermission for the term of 3 years, during the whole of which time he was in actual service under a regular disciplined adjutant, by the name of John Fletcher who was the adjutant of the Regiment – the Regiment was under command of Colonel Eulds and Major John Smoote. He cannot be more specific in his statement than he is here. He does not wish to be understood as saying that he served about 3 years – but that he actually was in service for the term of 3 years & [indecipherable word] he was in service for a longer time than the 3 years, but he has stated 3 years and ordered that all difficulty as to the time might be completely obviated. He has already answered the interrogatories prescribed by the war Department but out of abundance [of] caution he will answer them again.

1. When and in what year were you born

Answer – He was born in the County of Dorchester in the State of Maryland in the year 1761.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it –

Answer – He has a record of his age which may be found in the office of the court in the County of Dorchester in the State of Maryland.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary [war] and where do you now live –

Answer. He was living in the County of Dorchester in the State of Maryland when he entered the service. During the Revolutionary war his father removed to the state of North Carolina in the County of Guilford, from which place after the war he removed to the County of Sumner in the State of Tennessee where he has been living about 28 years, and where he now resides –

4<sup>th</sup>. He entered the service as a volunteer.

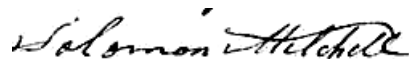
5. He recollects the names of Captain Robertson, Colonel Ewelds, & Major John Smoote, & Major of Moses Lecompte [?] who was 2<sup>nd</sup> Major in the Regiment.

6. He received a discharge which was given by Captain Robinson [sic] and signed by Colonel Ewelds, but which has been lost or mislaid. He has no documentary evidence in his possession, nor is there any person living within the knowledge of Applicant by whom he can prove actual service – Applicant is getting old and infirm and he [several indecipherable words] that if he is entitled to anything, that it will be no longer withheld from him.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1833

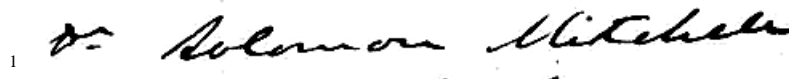
S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

S/ Solomon Mitchell



Amended petition of Dr. [?]<sup>1</sup> Solomon Mitchell for a pension – Applicant states that he was a minute man in the Revolutionary War and that from that circumstance he being at all times subject to be called into actual service he did not hesitate in saying that he was in actual service for three years. It is not in the power of applicant at this day and time of his life to state the precise number of days or weeks that he was in service at any given time. [Paper damaged, worn and text missing] him to say that the whole of his actual service while engaged in the Revolutionary war could not be less than twelve months – Applicant believes that he was in

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actual service for a longer period of time but will designate twelve months as the length of time that he was in actual service and for which he now claims a pension.

Sworn to in open Court February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1834

S/Solomon Mitchell

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]