

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Mitchell S7232

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The State of Alabama Limestone County} SS

On this 11th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of the County of Limestone in the State of Alabama now sitting, Jesse Mitchell a resident in the County of Limestone aforesaid aged seventy-three 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, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Francis Moore, Capt., and served in the 2nd Battalion of the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers, said Francis Moore was the Capt., Daniel Duval the first Lieut., George Wall the 2nd Lieut. & Abraham Jones the Ensign of the Company in which he enlisted & served as aforesaid & Col. Parker commanded said Regiment at the date of his enlistment. That at the time he enlisted as aforesaid he resided in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia & he enlisted for the Term of three years. After his enlistment he was marched to the State of North Carolina & stationed for a considerable time at Harrisburg in Granville County. That whilst he served as a regular soldier he was marched to Salisbury & Charlotte in the State of North Carolina & various other points in said State, & was discharged after serving out three years -- the full Term of his enlistment. Before his service had expired as aforesaid his Capt. and the said Francis Moore was appointed Major of said Regiment & one ___ Jones became his Capt. He received a written discharge signed by Col. Robert Maybin [sic, Robert Mebane] which was at said Town of Charlotte as well as he remembers in 1779 -- but as his memory is now very imperfect cannot be at all positive as to dates, after his discharge he settled in Chatham County North Carolina & after living there some time he was drafted into a company of the Militia of the said State of North Carolina, commanded by Jacob Duck [Jacob Duckworth] in which company Abraham Bryant was Lieut. in the Regiment commanded by Philip Alston -- that he was marched with said troops to Hillsboro & shortly afterwards was in the skirmish with the Tories under Fannon [sic, David Fanning] -- At that skirmish he was commanded by Col. Robert Maybin, said skirmish took place near Lindley's Mills¹ -- upon reflection however this Tour of duty was after he had served a tour of five months as follows -- whilst a resident of said County of Chatham & as well as he recollects in the year 1780 he was drafted into the Company of the Militia of said

¹ September 13, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>.
<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810912.htm> &
http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

State commanded by Capt. Ambrose Ramsay [Ambrose Ramsey] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Ambrose Ramsay [Ambrose Ramsey] & that he was marched with said Regiment & joined the division of the Army under General Casswell [sic, Richard Caswell] with whom he marched & joined the Main Army under General Gates [Horatio Gates] -- shortly before his defeat, that he was at the battle of Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] when the Troops to which he belonged were dispersed & he returned home.² He was drafted for the term of five months on this occasion but served only three months before he returned home. That it was after his return home on this occasion that he was marched in the militia service first above stated in which he served three months -- That again & a little before the close of the war he went as a volunteer in the company of mounted men commanded by Joseph Duck, that he did not then join any Regiment on this occasion, but merely did duty in the counties of Chatham & Randolph in said State, in suppressing the Tories & acting as a guard on prisoners &c. That he was engaged three months on this service -- That he was born in Brunswick County State of Virginia in June 1760 he has no record of his age & recollects it from frequently hearing his father state it after he was grown. After the revolutionary war he moved into the County of Martin North Carolina where he lived until 1808 when he moved to Wilson County Tennessee thence to Rutherford thence in 1816 to Madison County & in 1818 he moved into Limestone County State of Alabama where he has lived ever since & still resides.

That he received written discharges for each of his Terms of service but has long since lost them.

That he has no documentary proof & knows no person who can now prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. That ___ & Andrew J. Edmundson who live in my neighborhood can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief as to my services.

S/ Jesse Mitchell, X [his mark]

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert Austin, Jr., Clerk

[Henry J. Hundley, a clergyman, and Edward J. Edmundson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On April 20, 1842, Jesse Mitchell applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to DeSoto County Mississippi giving as his reason for removal that he had some children in the state of Mississippi and wanted to spend the balance of his life with them there.]

[Drury Mitchell [also spelled Drewry Mitchell] signed a power of attorney dated June 12, 1852 in Limestone County Alabama whereby he in power to his attorney to seek the arrearage due Jesse Mitchell at the time of his death. He signed the power of attorney with his mark. -- R L Hendricks & John H. Elliott made oath that they had always understood Drury Mitchell was the son of Jesse Mitchell.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for three years in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]

² August 15-16, 1780. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800816.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html