

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nazareth Mitchell S8897

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State of North Carolina Robeson County

On this 27th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Nazareth Mitchell a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 74 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 7th 1832.

I was drafted into the service of the United States as a militia man in the County of Franklin State of North Carolina for the term of seven months and put under the command of Capt. Britton Harris which was on the 10th of September 1778, (as well as I can recollect) in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Eaton and was marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River in the State of North Carolina. From thence to Elizabeth town in the State of North Carolina, from thence to Moncks Corner in the State of South Carolina, and from thence to Jacksonborough State of South Carolina, and from thence to the White House near Savannah River in the State of South Carolina and from thence to Chalk Hill in South Carolina and from thence to Augusta in the State of Georgia, and from thence to Briar Creek [sic, Brier Creek] in the State of Georgia and was at the Battle of Brier Creek which took place if my recollection is correct on the 3rd of March 1779, after which time I was stationed at Back Swamp [Black Swamp?] in the State of South Carolina until the term of seven months for which I was drafted expired which was on or about the 10th day of April 1779, (to the best of my recollection). From the time I left Elizabeth town in North Carolina until I was discharged by Capt. Michael Dent, I was attached to the command of General Ash [sic, John Ashe].

I was again drafted in the County of Franklin State of North Carolina for the term of three months and was put under the command of Capt. Parish [Joel Parish] and marched to Harrisburg in the State of North Carolina and joined General Butler [John Butler] who marched us to Rocky Ford [Rocky Ford] on Haw River in the State of North Carolina where we joined General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army, from thence to Guilford in the State of North Carolina and was in the Battle of Guilford which took place on the 15th of March 1781 if I recollect correctly, which Battle was under the command of General Greene, from that Battle I was marched to Ramsey's Mills in the State of North Carolina and there remained until I was discharged by Capt. Williams, about the 10th of May 1781, to the best of my recollection having served for three months this time, and served in both tours 10 months in all. I further declare that I received the above mentioned discharges but cannot now find them, nor have I any documentary evidence and that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services except what is appended to this declaration.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ A. McEachin, Clk

S/ Nazara Mitchel [sic], X his Mark

1st question by the Court. Where and in what year were you born?

Answered: I have been told I was born in the County of Northampton in the State of North Carolina in the year 1758.

2nd question by the court. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have no record of my age.

3rd question by the court. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived when called into service in the County of Franklin in the State of North Carolina, and I have lived about 45 years in Robeson County North Carolina

4th question by the court. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

: I was drafted.

5th question by the court. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I knew General Greene, General Ashe, General Butler and General Eaton as to the circumstances of my service at the battle of Briar Creek the British was victorious & as to the battle of Guilford, the British kept the field.

6th question by the court. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I received two discharges one from Capt. Michael Dent and the other from Capt. Williams but thinking them of no use I did not know what has become of them.

7th question by the court. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

I am known by William Townsend Esquire an acting Justice of the peace for Robeson County and by Lemuel Bullock

[William Townsend and Samuel Bullock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Robeson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1833

This day the 26th of November A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court Nazareth Mitchell a citizen of said County who being first sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God the truth to State relative to his services as a private soldier in the war of the American Revolution makes the following statement amendatory of his declaration made before this Court at November term 1832 of said Court in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1831 [sic 1832] --

This Declarant states that on the 10th day of June 1778 he was residing in the County of Franklin in this State, that he was drafted for three months to serve as a private soldier in the militia of North Carolina, that he marched to the various places mentioned in his prior

declaration, and served as he has therein stated -- that the reason why he served in his first tour for seven months, when he was only drafted to serve three months is this, to wit, that after marching into South Carolina and being in actual service under the Command of General Ashe, Col. Eaton, Major Clinch and Capt. Michael Dent, when the term for which he was drafted expired, there being a case scarcity of men in the Army at that time, he was required by the officers under whose command he was, to remain in the Service, this declarant further states that the term for which he was drafted expired while he was stationed at Back Swamp in the State of South Carolina -- that he was during the whole tour of seven months in actual service.

This Deponent further states that the omission of the particulars statement relative to his service of his first tour of seven months was made in his formal application was altogether inadvertent and that in his first tour he served as a private soldier for seven months -- and the last tour he served three months, and that all the facts stated in his former declaration and as set forth in this Declaration are to the best of his knowledge and belief true.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

S/ Narary Mitchel, X his mark

S/ A. McEachin

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State of North Carolina Robeson County:


Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August term 1832

Personally appeared in Open Court Sherwood Fort¹ who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he served in the United States Army with Nazareth Mitchell during the revolutionary war, that he this affiant was with said Mitchell at Kingston in North Carolina on or about the 10th day of September 1779 [sic, 1778] and marched from thence to Elizabeth town in Bladen County and from thence into South Carolina and Georgia & was at the Battle of the Briar Creek under the command of General Ashe, and that this affiant believes that said Nazareth Mitchell fully served a term of seven months in the United States Army.

Sworn to and assigned in open Court the date above.

S/ A. McEachin, Clerk

S/ Sherwood Fort



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State of North Carolina Robeson County:

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August 29th 1832

Personally appeared in Open court Henry Brasswell² who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he saw Nazareth Mitchell in the United States Army at the time he joined General Butler at Harrisburg sometime in February or March 1781, and knows of his own knowledge of his continuing in the service until he was discharged at Ramsey's Mills and this affiant believes he performed a tour of three months, at this engagement.

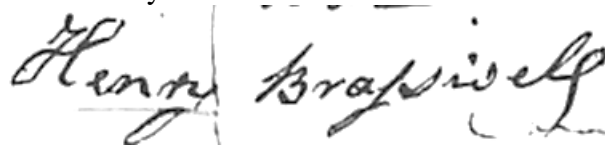
Sworn to and assigned in open Court the date above.

S/ A. McEachin, Clk

¹ [Sherwood Fort S8499](#)

² [Henry Brasswell \[Braswell\] S17851](#)

S/ Henry Brasswell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Brasswell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia.]