

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Mitchel Porter W1477 Penelope Porter VA
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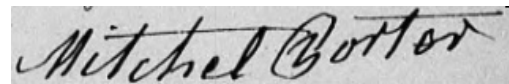
State of Tennessee } Ss On this 25th day of July 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before
Sevier County } me Edward Scott one of thee Judges of law and Equity for the State of
Tennessee and for the Second Judicial Circuit In the Circuit Court for said County now sitting Mitchell
Porter a resident of said Sevier County in the county of Sevier and State aforesaid aged seventy three
years who being first duly sworn according to law doath on his oath make the following declaration in
order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress pased June the 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein
stated At Winchester Virginia in the fall of 1777 volunteered under Capt Throuston [sic: Charles
Thruston] and Lieut John Gilkinson [probably Samuel Gilkerson] we had no Col the Capt commanded
five Companies Mached from Winchester Va to Philadelphia and to Morrystown New Jersey to head
quarters then our Company Marched to Lord Sterlings [buildings and there camped through the winter
Had a scrimage with the Brittish guards at Quibble town [Quibbletown NJ] near Brunswick some
brittish killed & we defeated had to retreat. Served three months and two weeks we honourably
discharged the discharge lost

He then Removed to Botetourt County Virginia in 1780 volunteered under Capt William
Handby and Maj [David] Campbell Mached to Salsbury [sic; Salisbury] North Carolina and to the
Cawtawby [sic: Catawba] River and guarded the fords to keep the brittish from crossing they however
forced there way across killed Gen'l Davison [sic: William Lee Davidson, Battle of Cowan's Ford 1 Feb
1781] we then retreated to Salsbury and to the Atkin River there we had a scrimage [sic: Yadkin River,
probably the skirmish at Trading Ford, 4-5 Feb 1781] our Capt was taken prisoner Maj Campbell
commanded we then marched to Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse] and to dan River [14 Feb 1781]
there we ware honourably discharged believed three months can prove this last service by Jeremiah H
Compton [W29]

Again in said Botetourt County Va went into the militia as a substitute the name of his employer not
recollected under Capt. Arbucele [sic: Matthew Arbuckle VAS2270] Mached to point pleasant at the
junction [part missing; probably a reference to Point Pleasant at the junction of Kanawha and Ohio
rivers]

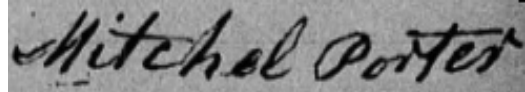
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that
his name is not on the the pension roll of the agency of any state.



State of Tennessee } On this 4th day of December 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before
Sevier County } Jonah Rodgers John Mullendare and John Brabeau three of the acting Justices
of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions now sitting Mitchell Porter a resident of the said County of
Sevier and state of Tennessee in the said County of sevier and state aforesaid who being first duly sworn
according to law doath on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration which was made in
the Circuit Court in and for said County and State and bears date July 5th 1832 and was numbered in the
War Department No 3063 and sent back for amendment That he is the same Mitchell Porter that made
the declaration above mentioned

He was born in the state of Pennsylvania in Lancaster County on the 7th of April 1754 He has no record
of his age at this time He lived at Winchester Virginia when caled into the service He removed to
Botetourt County Virginia in 1780 and lived there till the year 1800 He then removed to the said County

of Sevier where he has lived ever since and still lives He was caled into the service twice as a volunteer and once as a substitute He dose not recollect the names of the regular officers who war with the troops where he served or the name of any continental or Militia regiments except what is mentioned in his declaration He never got but one writen discharge from the service the other two ware verble He never received a commission He is known in his present neighbourhood to James Jinkins Charles Claborn Col Micago Rodgers Col Alaxandria Preston Col Andrew Lawson Samuel Clabour all of whome he belive would testify that he is a man of verasity and that they belive he was a soldier of the revolution He hereby relinquishes 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 sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitchel Porter". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

NOTE: On 4 February 1839 Penelope Porter, aged about 74, applied for a pension stating that she married Mitchel Porter about 1785, and he died in April 1836. She submitted the family record transcribed below. Some parts in brackets are from a typed transcript apparently made from the more-legible original.

Ages Of Children and nam[page damaged]

Alexander Porter was born Jenuary the Twentififth in the year of our lord 1786

William Porter was born september the the twelfth in the year of our lord 1787

Elisabeth Porter was born March the eighteenth in the year of our lord – 1790

Ester Porter was born november the ninteenth in the year of our lord 1791

John W Porter was born october the twentininth in the year of our lord 1793

Mary Porter was born December the [eleventh] In the year of our lord 1795]

Mitchel A Porter was born november the twentininth in the year of our lord 1797

Joshua Mc Porter was born november the twentininth in the year of our lord 1797

Decest the twentyeighth day of June 1803 in the sixth year of his age

Nancy C Porter was born [Decem]ber 24 In the year of our lord 1801

Sally R Porter was born december 14th In the year of our lord 180[2]

James Douthet Porter was born Aprel 21 in the year of our Lord 1805

Mckindra B Porter was born fabruary The 9th in the year of our lord 1807