

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Mitchell W181

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832
State of Tennessee Hawkins County: On this 7th day of September 1833 personally appeared
before me Lewis Mitchell one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Hawkins in
the State of Tennessee Solomon Mitchell a resident of the County of Hawkins and State of
Tennessee aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath
make the following declaration. --

I entered the service of the United States in 1777 under the command of Francis Logan as
a private. I was then living in the State of South Carolina. I volunteered myself and went in
search of some Tories that were embodied in Edgefield County on Edisto River we took three
Tories prisoners and returned home. I entered the service some time in March and was gone
about six days. The Tories were very troublesome in this State where I lived and men were
called out frequently for no certain time but would take a range after them and return home and
be in readiness to go at any call. I received no discharge when I returned home. My next tour I
went as a private horseman. I volunteered myself under Captain William Freeman. The
Regiment was commanded by Colonel Andrew Pickens we rendezvoused in Abbeville County in
the State of South Carolina on long cain [Long Cane] Creek and marched against the Indians in
the State of Georgia we went between the waters of Oconee River and Broad River and round the
head of Oconee River and on to Nails Fort on Broad River from Nails Fort we came on to Hurds
fort [sic, Heard's Fort?] and from thence home. I entered this tour of service in the first of
November 1777 and was gone one month but received no discharge. I was called on again in the
spring of 1778 and went under the command of Captain John Arwine [John Irwin] who was
ordered by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] to guard some prisoners that was taken at
the battle of Kettle Creek¹ and take them to the main headquarters of the Army that lay on
Savannah River below Augusta we were gone 10 days. In the same spring after I returned home
I was called on again and went under the command of William Freeman Captain and Charles
Hurd as Lieutenant who was ordered by General Williamson to march to Ninety Six in South
Carolina and guard the Jail -- where there were some prisoners. We were stationed there one
month when we were relieved and I returned home. In the year 1779 first of April I volunteered
myself again as a private under the command of Captain William Freeman. (I was yet living in
Abbeville County South Carolina). Our forces were commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin

¹ Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

Lincoln], Major Davie, Andrew Pickens and other officers we marched on through a small town called Dorchester from thence near Charlestown where we met with the British under the command of General Prevost at a place called Stono ferry where there was an action [June 20, 1779]² took place and on the American side Major Davie [William Richardson Davie] was wounded and Captain Richard Dogged [Richard Doggett?] killed we went on from there to a place called Blewford [sic, Beaufort] in said State and from thence home. We were gone three months. I received no discharge upon my return. In 1780 in the first of October I volunteered myself again under Captain George Dooley in the State of Georgia the troops were commanded by General Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] we marched on to Augusta there we attacked a Fort in ³possession of Colonel Greyson [sic, James Grierson] a Tory Colonel we took the Fort but that Colonel made his escape and took refuge in the town we lay there some time when Greyson was reinforced and we gave ground and we weary [?] and made our escape the best way we could and I returned home in Abbeville and the State of South Carolina. I was gone fourteen days I received no discharge. In the first of April 1781 I volunteered myself again under the command of Captain George Dooley. The troops were commanded by General Pickens we marched on to Augusta⁴ in Georgia where we took possession of the town and took Colonel Brown [Thomas "Burnt Foot" Brown] and his Regiment prisoners also Colonel Greyson and a body of Tories. I then was dismissed and returned home again being gone fourteen days the second time under Dooley. In 1781 in November I volunteered myself again under Captain Calhoun our head officer was General Pickens we were gone about two weeks scouting after the Tories at a place called Bull swamp in the State of South Carolina. I returned home and was never out anymore. I served to the best of my knowledge under Captain Logan six days, Captain Freeman one month Captain Arwine [John Irwin] ten days Captain Freeman a second time one month under Captain Freeman a third time three months under Captain Dooley fourteen days under Dooley a second time fourteen days and under Captain Calhoun [John Calhoun] two weeks for which service I claim a pension. I have no documentary evidence of my service nor cannot procure anyone who can testify of it. I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Attest: S/ Lewis Mitchell

Sworn to before me the day and date before mentioned

S/ Solomon Mitchell, X his mark

[Thomas Crawley, a clergyman and Henry R Crawley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Questions propounded to Solomon Mitchell an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832

1st Question

Ans: I was born in Granville County NC in the year 1759

2nd Question

Ans: Yes I have it in my possession

3rd Question

Ans: In the State of South Carolina Abbeville County

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

³ Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

⁴ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

4th Question

Ans: From SC I moved to the State of Tennessee Hawkins County where I now live

5th Question

Ans: General Pickens General Clark Major McCall Major Davie

6th Question

Ans: I never received any discharge

7th I am acquainted with Major Gabriel McCraw Captain John A. Rogers Colonel James Willis Reverend Levi Rice Esquire Reverend Moses McGinnis Larkin Willis Esquire George Rogers Esquire all who can testify of my veracity or character if required

S/ Lewis Mitchell, JP

[certified by W. B. Mitchell, Deputy Clerk for S. D. Mitchell, Clerk, of the Hawkins County, Tennessee court.]

[p 26: On July 19, 1845, in Hawkins County Tennessee, Nancy Mitchell, 83, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Solomon Mitchell; that she married him in Abbeville District South Carolina in the month of May 1787; that her husband died in the County of Hawkins, State of Tennessee on the 27th day of January 1839 and that she remains his widow.]

[p 50 the widow testifies that her son Stephen was born December 25, 1788; Rebecca was born November 26, 1789; Lewis was born November 24, 1791; Greenberry was born December 28th 1793; [all born in Abbeville District, SC]; Jesse was born May 16, 1796 in Jefferson County , Tennessee; Polly was born April 4th 1798 in Hawkins County; Robert was born January 18, 1801; Morris July 7, 1803; Nancy October 29, 1804; Richard July 18, 1806; Susan, May 18, 1808; and Elizabeth October 6, 1810, all the younger children were born in Hawkins County, Tennessee.]

[Facts in file: Veteran and his wife were married in the house of John Simms, in the presence of John Simms, his wife, Ann, and his brother, George Simms; that they had dinner at the home of Nathan Simms and family; that the next day, John and George Simms and their sister, Sarah, accompanied Solomon Mitchell and Nancy to the home of Solomon's mother, Tenee or Jane Mitchell, the widow of Robert Mitchell; the veteran and his wife had the following named children: Stephen who died at age 6; Rebecca, Lewis, Greenberry, Jesse, Polly or Mary, Robert, Morris, Nancy, Richard, Susannah or Susan, and Elizabeth. John Mitchell, who was born March 11, 1786, a resident of Hawkins County, Tennessee, in 1846, stated that he was near relative of the veteran, and when quite young was placed under the protection of the veteran and his wife and grew up in their family. The veteran died in John Mitchell's house and the widow was living with him in 1846.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]