

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isham Mitchell W18510

Mary Mitchell

f74NC

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State of North Carolina Wake County:

On this the 12th day of September 1844 -- personally appeared before me Jordan Womble one of the acting justices of the peace in and for the County of Wake and State aforesaid -- Mary Mitchell, and maketh the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836 -- And after being duly sworn according to law -- doth declare on her oath -- that she is the widow of Isham Mitchell -- who was a soldier -- in the Revolutionary War in the Continental line in the State of North Carolina -- that he served under Capt. Emmet [James Emmett] and was commanded by Col. Sumner [Jethro Sumner] -- And she further declares that her said deceased husband entered the service in the year 1776 -- for two & a half years -- and that he served out his time -- And was at home but one time during his enlistment -- that she was married to her deceased husband in the year 1768 and that she herself is more than 100 years old at this time -- and that her said deceased husband Isham Mitchell died in the year 1829 -- And was at the time of his death -- the Age of 85 or six years old -- And she further declares that she was married to her deceased husband in the County of Granville -- in the State aforesaid -- and that they resided in the same County until some time after the war was ended -- they then removed to the County of Wake, where her husband died, and that she still resides in the County of Wake -- And she further states that her maiden name was Mary Holley -- and that she has procured a Certificate from the Comptroller of public accounts of the State of North Carolina -- which she presents as proof in connection with her oath -- and that she will submit to such other proof as she can procure -- as she is advised will entitle her to a pension under the within cited act of Congress -- And she further declares that she was married by publication in the church as was the custom of those times -- by a preacher of the name of James Weathers -- And she further states that she and her said husband never was placed on the pension list of this or any other State or Territory whatever -- and that she relinquishes all right to a pension [indecipherable word or words] -- except the present --

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year above written.

S/ Jordan Womble, JP

S/ Mary Mitchell, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Granville County

This day personally appeared before me -- the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for the

County of Granville -- George Pettiford<sup>1</sup> a resident of the County of Granville & State aforesaid And after being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith on his oath that he was born in Granville County & State aforesaid -- that he is 89 years old -- & that he is a pensioner of the United States in the State of North Carolina -- And that he served under Capt. Goodrum [Goodman?] of the Continental line -- Question -- did you know anything of Isham Mitchell of Granville County as a Soldier of the War of the revolution -- if so State what you know -- and where you saw him --

Answer -- I knew Isham Mitchell well -- when he was a Boy -- I also saw him in the Army at the Head quarters -- at a place called Purisburg [sic, Purrysburg?] we separated there -- I went to the South (Charleston South Carolina) and he Isham Mitchell to the North -- we were there but a short time -- His Captain I do not recollect -- nor did I see him anymore for several years -- then I met with him in Wake County North Carolina.

Attest: S/ D. P. Paschall, JP

S/ George Pettiford, X his mark

[p. 37: Bartlett Pettiford, 84, of Franklin County North Carolina gave an affidavit that he knew you Isham Mitchell since his youth, was aware of his entering the service and coming home from the service and having heard it said that he, Isham Mitchell, served honorably in the Continental line.]

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State of North Carolina Granville County

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Granville, Samuel Chapell<sup>2</sup> a resident of the County of Granville and State aforesaid and after first being duly sworn according to law, deposeth saith on his oath that he was born in the year 1755 and is now in his 90th year that he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution -- that he is now a pensioner of the United States in the State of North Carolina.

Question did you know anything of Isham Mitchell of Granville County as a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, if you did State when and where. Answer I knew him Isham Mitchell before the war -- in the war and after the war. I first entered the service about the first of January 1776 under Capt. Roachell [John Rochelle], Col. Clark [Thomas Clark] and General Nash [Francis Nash] we marched to Pennsylvania General Nash died of a wound, then Col. Clark took command and we were then stationed at a place called Valley Fords [sic, Valley Forge?] on the Schoolkiln [sic, Schuylkill?] about 25 miles above Philadelphia, at that place the company that I was then was placed under the command of General Sumner and under his command I found the said Isham Mitchell as a private soldier.

Q: do you do you know what Capt. he Mitchell served under Answer I do not, if I did then I do not now recollect

Q do you know who Isham Mitchell married and when he was married Answer I always understood that he married a Girl by the name of Holly I believe her name was Mary and I know that they had as many as two children before I left home because they were close Neighbors and sole them almost every week, and I left Mitchell at home when I marched off because I had did not know that him the said Mitchell was in the Army until I saw him in Pennsylvania under the command of General Sumner.

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<sup>1</sup> [George Pettiford W9223](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Chappell \(Chapel\) W6671](#)

Q: do you know what year that was in Answer I think it was in the year 1776 or the year 1777 I cannot say for certain which was in the year.  
and further this deponent saith not

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State of North Carolina Wake County

This day appeared before me William Ashley, and made oath in due form of law, that the foregoing statement of Samuel Chappell, in the case of Mary Mitchell widow of Isham Mitchell, for a Pension, was taken by him, the said Ashley, at the request of William Smith, who was assisting the said Mary to get her claim. The said Chappel gave the said Ashley the above statement literally, and when read to him, he declared it to be correctly taken down. He declined qualifying to it at the time, however, on the ground that he was but little known in Raleigh, and would prefer doing so in Granville, where he resided, where he was well known and wherefore faith and credit would attached to his oath. And the said Ashley further deposeth and saith, that this statement was taken by him, about the 26th day of March last, and that on the last day of the said month, before the said Chappel had an opportunity of making oath to the correctness of said statement, he, the said Chappel, departed this life, as he was informed, and truly believes. And he, the said Ashley, makes this affidavit, as the best evidence now existing of the facts set forth in the Affidavit of the said Samuel Chappel And further, this deponent saith not.

Sworn to, before us, this 7<sup>th</sup> of June, A.D. 1845, and then subscribed in our presence.

S/ James Litchford, JP

S/ Wm Ashley

S/ Weston R. Gales, Int. Pol.

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that I have carefully searched for the name of Isham Mitchell on the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war but do not find it there. I do further certify, that the name of Jethro Sumner appears on said rolls as Col. of the 3rd Regiment, Commissioned on the 15th April 1776, and also, the name of James Emmet Capt. in the 3rd Regiment appears on said rolls, Commissioned as Capt. on the 16th day of April 1776.

Given under my hand this 20th day of December 1844

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[p 47: Another affidavit given by Bartlett Pettiford, 85, a resident of Franklin County, on November 26, 1845, that he was aware of Isham Mitchell entering the service under Capt. Emmet; has heard Mitchell talk about being at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] where a large number were killed and another battle where General Nash was wounded; he recalls Mitchell describing being camp one winter at a place he thinks he called Valley Forge.]

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State of North Carolina County of Wake

On this 18th day of February A.D. 1851 personally appeared in open court Sally Craven a resident of Wake County in the State aforesaid, aged 65 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit

of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the daughter of Mary Mitchell the widow of Isham Mitchell who was a Private in the war of the Revolution in the North Carolina Continental line, that he served two years and a half and she always understood from her Mother, under one Capt. Emmetts or Emernetts, and under one Col. Jethro Sumner, as well as she now recollects. She further declares that her Mother was married to her Fall or the said Isham Mitchell in the County of Granville several years before the commencement of the Revolutionary war, that her Father the aforesaid Isham Mitchell died about 40 years ago, and that her mother the said Mary Mitchell died in the County of Wake on the 10th of June in the year of our Lord 1848; and she further declares on her oath that her Mother made an application some few years before her death for a Pension and she believes that General Romulus M. Saunders presented the papers which for some cause or other was not allowed. For the proof of her Father's Services, She respectfully refers you, to the papers furnished by her Mother, now on file in the Pension Office. She makes this declaration for the benefit of herself and her brother Joel Mitchell, the only surviving heirs of Mary Mitchell deceased.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court

S/ Sally Craven, X her mark

S/ James T. Marriott, Clk.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]