

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Micheller [Mitchler]¹ W25706

Mary Micheller f58NC

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State of Indiana Ripley County} Sc

On this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Ripley Circuit Court now in session holden at Versailles in and for the said County of Ripley Jacob Micheller (at this present time a resident of the County of Butler in the State of Ohio but he intends shortly to remove back to this County of said Ripley) where he formerly resided and the said Jacob Micheller he assigns this for the reason of his making his application in this County and Court (to wit) his old acquaintances and friends reside here, and he anticipates in a little while to make this County his permanent residence), aged Sixty-nine 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.

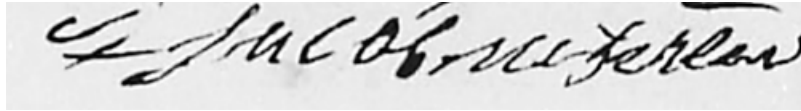
He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the month of August 1778, and served for one month in Col. Caleb Fifer's [Caleb Phifer's] Regiment of the North Carolina Line, and served under the following named officers to wit General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Col. Fifer, Major White [James White] -- Capt. Rice (or Reese) [James Reese] (lieutenant's name forgotten) and Ensign Russell [Robert Russell]. He left the service in the month of September 1778 after serving faithfully for one month. He then afterwards in the month of July 1779 entered the service a second time as a volunteer in Col. Fifer's Regiment of the North Carolina Militia and served for two years and four months under the command of General Rutherford, Col. Caleb Fifer, Major James White and Capt. Potts [Jonathan Potts]. He left the service the second time in the month of November 1781 after serving faithfully for two years & four months which added to the first tour of one month makes two years and five months for which he claims a pension. He resided at the time of his entering the service in Machlenberg [sic, Mecklenburg] County North Carolina. He entered the service as a volunteer. During his first tour for one month he marched from Mecklenburg County to Charlotte, from thence, to the twelve mile Creek, from thence to Buffalo Creek, and Pedee [River] to Little River, from thence back to Mecklenburg County where he was discharged. During his second tour of service he marched from Mecklenburg County to Camden South Carolina from thence back to Mecklenburg County from thence to Ingram's Farms in Montgomery County -- where he was verbally discharged by Major White. He was personally acquainted with Captains Simmons &

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Martin Fifer [Martin Phifer] of the Regular Troops. He has no documentary or written Evidence, and he knows of but two persons living at this time who can testify to his services and those persons are William Lippard² and Delpha Lewis (see affidavits which accompany this declaration). 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.

S/ Jacob Miterlor [?]



[Meshach Hyatt, a clergyman, and John Lewis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On February 20 [?] 1833 in Ripley County Delpha Lewis, of legal age, gave testimony in which she states she was well acquainted with the veteran and knows that he served the times he states in his declaration. She does not state how she knows that to be the case. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

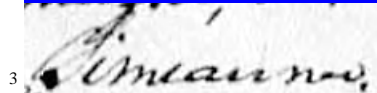
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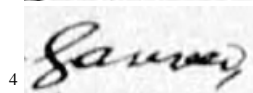
Amendment

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On this 11th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Henry B. Dubrill probate Judge of the Ripley County probate court Jacob Micheller named in the declaration for a pension to which this is an amendment and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his former declaration for a pension to wit In the month of July 1779 he entered the service as a volunteer in Capt. company of militia and served in Col. Caleb Fifer's Regiment of North Carolina Militia, and served for two years and four months under the following named officers, General Rutherford, Col. Fifer, Major White, Capt. Potts, Lieut. Ross [William Ross] and Lieut. Simeannor [?]³ and Lieut. Garner [James Garner?],⁴ he also served under Capt. Hise [Conrad Hise, surname also spelled Hice or Heis] during this tour. This term of time was employed in marches and a constant guard against the Tories and British, the particulars of his term he cannot precisely recollect, but as near as he can state he was employed as follows, and at the following places. He marched from little cold water to Sugar Creek in Mecklenburg County North Carolina thence to Little Cold Water, to Tuckaseege on Catawba River, from thence to Dutch Buffalo, from thence to Second Creek from thence to Charlotte, from thence to the long Bluff in South Carolina on the Pedee River, from thence across Little River from thence to Cold Water, where he remained for about two weeks, but he was constantly under arms and in pursuit of Tories, he was not discharged at all until his services were complete. From Cold Water he marched to twelve mile Creek, from thence to the flat Rock on the waters of the Pine Tree [Camden], from thence to Rougeley's

² [William Lipperd \(Lippard\) W10199](#). There is no affidavit given by this man in this file.

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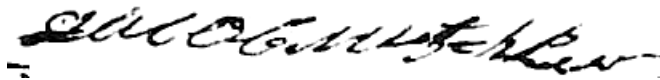
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[Rugeley's] Mills, from thence to Camden, from thence to States Borough [Statesborough] on the hills of Santee in South Carolina where he remained on duty for more than three months when he returned back to Mecklenburg County NC by way of Charlotte. He then in month of October 1781 marched from Mecklenburg County to duck [sic Dutch?] Buffalo, from thence to the Atkin [sic, Yadkin] River, from thence to Little River, from thence to Ingram's Farms, where he was verbally discharged by Major White. In the month of September 1781, as he was returning from States Borough to Charlotte he was attacked and robbed by a Tory (as he supposes) of \$600 in specie which he had of his own money and was taking it to his residence in Mecklenburg County, the villain assaulted him with a drawn sword and gave him a severe wound on the head which so disabled him that he was insensible to what transpired afterwards for a considerable time. He had obtained permission of his officers to go home for a few days. The general government nor any person has ever compensated him one cent for his services neither as he ever recovered one cent from the monies which he was robbed of. In the summer of 1781 -- he was stationed at States Borough on the high hills of Santee, for more than three months at one time from this place he marched as he has before said to Ingram's Farms where he was discharged.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David P. Shook

S/ Jacob Micheller



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Answers to the 7 Questions prescribed by the War Department compounded by the said Court to the said Jacob Micheller. Answer to Question 1. I was born in Mecklenburg County North Carolina in the year 1764. Answer to Question 2. I have a record of my age made by my father, it is at this time in the State of Ohio. Answer to Question 3. At the time I entered the service I resided in Mecklenburg County NC and continued to reside there until after the Revolutionary War when in the year 1807 I removed to the State of Ohio where I continued to remain for some time when I removed to the State of Indiana (in the Ripley County) where I remained until a short time since, when I removed to Butler County Ohio where I am at present sojourning but am not permanently located; but I expect shortly to return to this County again to wit (Ripley) and settle myself permanently, and my Main object, in making this application out of the State of Ohio and out of Butler County, is that if I should be so fortunate as to succeed in procuring a pension it would be more convenient for me to be placed on the Pension Roll of the agency of the State of Indiana, than of the former State. Answer to Question 4. I was a volunteer. Answer to Question 5th. I knew Capt. Martin Fifer, and Capt. Simons, and General Greene. I do not know by name any Continental or Militia regiments at this time who were with the troops there were such haste I have forgotten their numbers, the general circumstances of my service are stated within -- Answer to 6th Question. I received a regular discharge from Major White. Answer to 7th Question. Eugene J. Davis, P. Shooker, Stephen J. Harring, Minot S. Craig, John Lewis, William Lewis &c &c all who know me.

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State of Indiana Ripley County} SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Ripley and State aforesaid Jacob Micheller who being first duly sworn deposeth and

saith that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades (to wit) For two years and five months I served as a private in the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Jacob Micheller

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 11th day of November in the year of our Lord 1833

S/ James Myers, JP

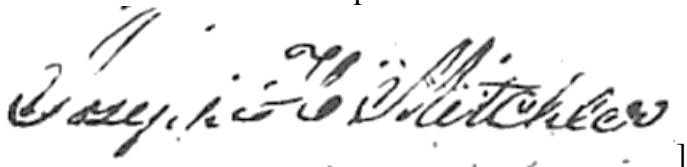
[p 33: On July 28, 1835 in Butler County Ohio, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Indiana agency to the Ohio agency saying that he had moved to Ohio since he had "no family" and was living with his son in Ohio where he intended to stay.



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[p 17: On January 25, 1854, in Ripley County, Indiana, Mary Mitchler [sic], 42, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of "Jacob Mitchler (or Muorgtchler)" a revolutionary pensioner; that she married him March 3, 1842; that her husband died in Rossville and Butler County Ohio in the winter of 1844 "it may possibly have been in the winter of the year 1845. That he left his residence in Ripley County... for the purpose of visiting a daughter of his in Butler County Ohio and drawing his pension and there died." She signed her application with her mark. Henry L. Lipperd attested her application.]

[p 38: On March 4, 1854 in Ripley County Indiana, Joseph H Mitchler gave testimony that his grandfather Jacob Mitchler was a revolutionary war pensioner and is now deceased having died some time in the month of April 1844 near Rossville in Butler County Ohio.



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[p 43: On March 4th, 1854 in Ripley County Indiana, William Lewis a resident of Johnson Township in said County gave testimony that he was the son-in-law of Jacob Mitchler; that Jacob was a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died in Butler County Ohio in April 1844 leaving a widow named Mary Mitchler. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 19: On April 25, 1855 in Ripley County Indiana, the widow, aged 44, applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount which was increased after the Civil War to \$96 per annum ending upon her death on July 27, 1868.]