

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Mitchell W4030 Malinda Mitchell VA
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The State of Ohio; Miami County Court of Common Pleas of the term of September in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred & thirty two

On this twenty fifth day of September 1832 personally appeared before the President & associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County in the State of Ohio, Samuel Mitchell a resident of Bethel township in Miami County and State of Ohio, aged seventy three years on the fifteenth day of March eighteen hundred & thirty two [sic: see endnote], who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that early in the spring of 1775 he enlisted with Lieut Thomas Fitzhugh at Montgomery County in the State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain William Washington in a regiment commanded by a Col whose name he cannot recollect, the company rendezvoused at Stafford Court House Stafford County Virginia, from thence marched through King George County to the Rappahannac river [sic: Rappahannock River] crossed over to Spotsylvania County & down the river to Bowling Green [in Caroline County] at which place they were stationed untill December of the same year, when this deponent was discharged having served the period of nine months. In the month of July 1778 he again enlisted under Captain John Gorden William Grisham being Lieutenant in the company; and the detachment under the command of Gen'l. [Lachlan] McIntosh, he enlisted at Montgomery County in Virginia and marched from Montgomery County afs'd. in August 1778 to Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, and from thence down the Ohio to the mouth of Big Beaver, crossed the Ohio, and built a fort at the mouth of Beaver [Fort McIntosh at present Beaver PA] from thence marched to the Muskingum river in the now state of Ohio, and built a fort at the place where Zanesville now stands [see endnote], at which place the detachment was obliged to winter, and suffered extremely from cold & from want of provisions & were also continually harassed by the Indians. the country was then an entire wilderness, the winter extremely cold & the troops badly supplied. and many of the troops died in consequence of their privation & exposures. In the month of March 1779 the company in which he enlisted, was discharged. & he was allowed twenty four days to return home & received his pay some time after in continental money, then of little value. In the fall of 1780 he was drafted in a company commanded by Capt Thomas Patton. he joined the company in Montgomery County Virginia & he was attached to the Regiment commanded by Maj. Thomas Quirk, and marched from said county to the Lead mines [near Fort Chiswell] in Wythe County Virginia, the regiment was there stationed to protect the mines & the inhabitants of the adjacent country from the depredations of the British & Tories, the latter of whom were very troublesome at times. after remaining at that place about one month he was regularly discharged. In the summer of 1781 he volunteered in a company commanded by Lieutenant Alexander Moyers at Montgomery County rendezvoused in Montgomery County Virginia and were placed under the command of Col [William] Preston, who was ordered to put a stop to the depredations of & to watch the movements of the Tories. he continued in the services about one month & was then discharged Deponent received regular discharges at the termination of the several foregoing terms of service, & retained them many years in his possession, but owing to time and accident they are all now lost. The whole period of his services as above stated is about twenty months. deponent was born in King George County below Fredericksburg & State of Virginia, where he resided untill he was 18 years old & then removed to Montgomery County Virg'a. he removed from thence in the year 1813 to the state of Ohio where he has since lived & in the County of Miami for 19 years. He has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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

Samuel hisXmark Mitchell

State of Ohio [29 April 1833]

Miami County Court of Common Pleas of the term of April eighteen hundred & thirty three

Personally appeared in open Court Samuel Mitchell who being duly sworn deposed & saith that he was born on the fifteenth day of March seventeen hundred & fifty nine in King George County State of Virginia, as he was informed by his parents & verily believes, that he has no record of his age, though his father had one in a family bible which he has frequently seen when he lived with his father, but knows not what has become of it, this deponent has stated in a declaration made to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832 at the September term 1832 of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County that early in the Spring of 1775 he enlisted with Lieut Fitzhugh in the company commanded by Capt William Washington, this deponent was and is unable to state the precise day on which he enlisted in said company, he knows it was early in the spring & before Complaining he fully believes his enlistment was some time in the month of March of that year and he is positive that he was discharged in the month of December ensuing just before Christmas This deponent by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory says that he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, in the several enlistments set forth in his declaration, but according to the best of his recollection & belief he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades For nine months he served as a private in the company commanded by Capt William Washington, For eight months he served as a private in Capt John Gordon's company, exclusive of twenty four days allowed for his return home. For one month as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Henry Patton For one month as a private in the company commanded by Lieut Alexander Meyers. and for those services he claims a pension he has stated in his declaration with as much particularity as he was able to do the general circumstances of his Service, & he cannot state the names of Regular officers or the Continental & Militia Regiments as required in the 5th interrogatory prescribed by the War Department further than he has already stated in his said declaration

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NOTES:

I could not identify a fort said to have been built near present Zanesville. More likely Mitchell was referring to Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH, which was constructed from Nov 1778 to Jan 1779.

On 20 Aug 1849 Malinda Mitchell, born in VA on 15 April 1760, applied for a pension stating that she married Samuel Mitchell in Montgomery County on 7 July 1780 and had resided on a farm in Miami County since 1814. She supported her claim with pages from the family record from a Bible, certified by their son George Mitchell and transcribed below. On 20 Aug 1849 John Cecil stated that his father was at the marriage of Samuel Mitchell and Malinda Cecil, who were members of the Methodist Church, and that their oldest child was 65 to 70 years old. On 23 Aug 1849 William W. Cecil, 63, made a similar statement before Judge M. G. Mitchell.

Samuel Mitchell and Malinda Cecil was married July 7th 1780

Samuel Mitchell was born in King George County Virginia March 15th 1760

Died in Miami County Ohio April 25 1840 aged 80 y 1 m 10 day

Malinda Cecil was Bourn April 15th AD 1760