

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Mitchell W5373      Ann Mitchell      f75GA[sic, VA]  
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### District of North Carolina

On this 10th day of September 1818, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States, for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Reuben Mitchell age Sixty-five years or thereabout, resident in Chatham County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," That he the said Reuben Mitchell, in the early part of the revolutionary war, (the date he does not remember) enlisted, in Mecklenburg County in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Isaac Hicks which was put in the third Regiment, in the Virginia line, on the Continental establishment, in the war or for said, for twelve months; that he continued to in the said company until the end of his said enlistment, when he was discharged from service and Savannah, in the State of Georgia; which discharge is lost; that he was in no battles; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

On this 3rd day of December 1819, the said Reuben Mitchell again appeared before me & amended his declaration aforesaid, on oath, as follows he saith that after inquiry & reflection & computing his age & comparing it with events, he verily believes, that the time of his said enlistment was in February in the year 1777, and that he was discharged in February 1778.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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Mecklenburg County Virginia (to wit)

This day came William Coleman<sup>1</sup> before me a Magistrate for said County and made Oath that a certain Reuben Mitchell was a soldier in the United States Army under Captain Isaac Hicks and that he enlisted in 1777 and served about one year in the revolutionary War.

Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1819

S/ Saml. Simmons

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<sup>1</sup> [William Coleman S39337](#)

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State of North Carolina Anson County

Colonel Thomas Threadgill appeared before us two of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Anson and made oath that in the month of February A.D. 1777 Reuben Mitchell was an inhabitant of Chatham County North Carolina, enlisted under him while a Lieutenant in Captain Hick's Company of the fourth Georgia Continental Regiment for twelve months, in the County of Malenburg [Mecklenburg] in the State of Virginia. That the said Reuben Mitchell served twelve months and was honorably discharged in the town of Savannah Georgia by Colonel James Screven the Commandant of said Regiment in the month of February 1778 as he had good reason to believe. He was not present when the said Reuben Mitchell got his discharge but thinks as well as he can now recollect that some time in the years 1778 or 1779 that Reuben Mitchell showed him a discharge signed by Colonel James Screven. – He said Thomas Threadgill further made oath that he was neither directly nor indirectly interested in procuring a pension for the said Reuben Mitchell.

Sworn to and subscribed before us 16 September 1820

S/ W. Dismukes, JP

S/ Joseph White, JP

S/ Thos. Threadgill<sup>2</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Threadgill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the signatory.

State of North Carolina Chatham County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1822  
Reuben Mitchell offers as an amendment to his Original Declaration, respecting what is stated therein of his services being performed in 3rd Virginia Regiment.

The said Reuben Mitchell personally appearing in the open Court, it being a Court of record and being duly sworn according to law, Deposeth & saith in amendment & supplementary to his Original declaration, That as to the services being performed in the 3rd Virginia Regiment that he is in error, he had allusion only to his Enlistment in that Regiment, But not his services, as they were mostly performed in the State of Georgia in Captain Hicks' company of the 4th Georgia Regiment. That they were specially recruited in the State of Virginia for the Georgia service and that soon after his Company was organized, he together with the Company marched into the State of Georgia, performed his said tour of service, and was Honorably Discharged at Savannah, as before stated in his Original Declaration: the reason why they were marched into Georgia, was, at that time, a call for assistance was made to Virginia from Georgia for 300 men or more. That he was one of Captain Hick's men who had a full Complement of 62 men besides his Company, there were Captain Jeter's, Dowlman's & Phillips' & some others in all he believes 300 men are more were specially recruited for this service, were soon after marched into the State of Georgia as aforesaid and was placed under Colonel James Scriven [sic, James Screven], performed his said tour of Enlistment & was discharged as aforesaid -- as stated in his Original Declaration made before the Honorable Judge Potter on the 10th day of September 1818 --.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that

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<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Threadgill S46345](#)

time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

(to wit)

one small Bay mare valued at \$20  
one sow & 2 shoats valued at \$5  
a few articles of Household  
furniture valued at \$8  
\$33

his Family consists of himself aged 67 years his wife about 60 years & one daughter aged about 38 years And that his Occupation formally was a tailor, but of late years, he is entirely unable to follow any occupation, for a support, having been severely afflicted with the dead palsy, so that he has not the use of his limbs sufficient to walk alone, nor to feed himself, without assistance, and that he is still a resident Citizen of Chatham County in the State of North Carolina aforesaid & further he saith not. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, it being a Court of Record, as aforesaid.

This 12th day of August 1822

S/ Reuben Mitchell X his mark

Test: S/ Thos. Ragland, CCC

[p 10: On July 20, 1841 in Chatham County North Carolina, Ann Mitchell, 77, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Reuben Mitchell, a pensioner of the United States at the time of his death; that she married him April 2nd, 1781 and that he died February 11, 1826; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Widow's maiden name was Ann Pennington, a resident of Mecklenburg County, Virginia at the time of her marriage; she died in Chatham County, NC September 4, 1845; the children of the veteran and his wife were as follows:

Ned-Mitchell born June 2, 1784 (he had been dead for "many years" 1841)

Lucy Bailey born February 24, 1786

Sarah, Sary or Salley born February 12, 1790

Benjamin [or James] born July 11, 1792

Henry born March 1 1794 and living in Chatham County in 1848

Reuben born May 24, 1798 or 1799 (both dates given in the file)

all of the children survived their mother except Ned]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 10, 1818, for service as a private for one year in the Georgia Continental line.]