

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mitchell <sup>1</sup> W5379  
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State of Georgia County of Franklin

On this 3rd day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court now sitting for ordinary purposes for the County and State aforesaid William Mitchell a resident of Captain Newell's district in said County & State aged Seventy-one years who being 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.

That he entered the service of the United States in Union District South Carolina in the Militia of that State in July 1780 under Captain Daniel Duff & Samuel Otterson, was marched through the Country scouting & skirmishing until Duff was taken prisoner & Otterson had his arm broken, -- served until February 1781 seven months was then dismissed and immediately enrolled himself as a horseman as a volunteer under Captain George Avory [sic, George Avery?]<sup>2</sup> to serve 15 months. Was kept riding about through the Country until June 1781 when he was marched to the siege of Ninety Six [May 21, June 19, 1781] was there put under the command of Major Ben Jolly [Benjamin Jolly] and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], remained there until Greene retreated; -- We then kept scouting until we again joined General Greene on his way to Eutaw Springs. -- He was in the Battle at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], after which he was kept on scouting parties a short time when he went under Captain Avory & Colonel Killgore [Benjamin Kilgore] after the Cherokee Indians, where he was in several skirmishes & burned several towns, returned to Union South Carolina & finished his 15 months Tour in scouting parties after the Tories & was discharged by Captain Avory.

In May or June 1782 he entered at Union Court House as a substitute for Richard Barrett for one month under Captain Otterson & Colonel Fair [William Farr], served one month before Barrett which finished Barrett's time, and immediately he be entered the same company as a substitute for one month for John Ham which finished out Ham's time, after which he again immediately entered as a substitute for two months or James Hagan in Captain Avory's Company & was under the command of Major Ben Jolly. Served out these two months at Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River, & was discharged at Union by our officers who had been discharged by General Greene.

Served altogether 26 months as a private

- 1 Was born April 1, 1761 understood from his mother in Virginia, but does not recollect where at.
- 2 Has in his possession a record of his age.
- 3 When he entered the service he lived in Union District South Carolina, from thence he

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt38520-160-55

<sup>2</sup> Bobby Moss gives this man's name as George Aubrey

removed to his present residence about 11 years since.

4 Has answered above a volunteer 22 months and a substitute for months

5 Recollects Greene at Ninety Six & Eutaw & Bacon's Bridge & Kilgore, after the Indians

6 Does not recollect to have received any written discharge, was not allowed at the end of a Tour to go home, but immediately had to inner again and was unsafe to go home.

7 Is known to Charles D. Jenkins and John L. Reece & Samuel Hymer a preacher of the Gospel; and who can testify as to his character for veracity & to their belief of his having been a soldier of the revolution.

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 any Agency of any State, within his knowledge or belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year first above written  
S/ Thos. King, Clk

S/ William Mitchell, X his mark

[Samuel Hymer, a Clergyman, and Charles D. Jenkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia County of Franklin} SS

On this Sixth day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Inferior Court for the County & State aforesaid now sitting for ordinary purposes William Mitchell who has heretofore sworn to and subscribed the conjoined Declaration to which this is attached and who being duly sworn according to Law on his oath makes the following addition and amendment to his said Declaration, viz.

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, viz.

In July 1780 he entered the service under Captain Duff & served under him & Captain Otterson seven months as a private Light horseman

In March 1781 he entered under Captain Avory and served fifteen months as a private Horseman.

In 1782 he served six months as a private substitute, two months for Richard Barrett, under Captain Otterson, and two months for James Hogan under Captain Avory & served two months for John Ham under a Captain Otterson & Colonel Fair, for Barrett & Ham he stated in the original only one month each, but now recollects that it was two months each.

Served altogether two years & eight months as a private and for such service he claims a pension, he served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority, and that he was either in the field or in Garrison, and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his service, except his brother Henry who can prove that he was in the Revolutionary Army.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year 1<sup>st</sup> above written  
S/ Thomas King, C.C.O. S/ William Mitchell, X his mark

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I Henry Mitchell do hereby Certify that my brother William Mitchell who has subscribed & sworn the foregoing was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and did leave home to serve three tours of duty & I believe did serve the said three tours, recollects one was under Major Ben Jolly, but does not recollect the others.

S/ Henry Mitchell, X his mark



year 178\_ [last digit obliterated]<sup>3</sup>

Sarah Mitchel Daughter of the above said parents was Born April 29th, 1793 [last 2 digits are unclear]

Nanny Mitchel Daughter of the above said parents was Born October 25th 1795

Winnie Mitchel Daughter of the above said parents was Born December 22 day 1798

William Mitchell Was  
Born April 1<sup>st</sup> In the  
year 1768  
Henry Mitchell son of  
Wm Mitchell & Eleanor  
his Wife was Born Dec:  
the 26<sup>th</sup> In the year 1788  
Sarah Mitchell Daughter  
of the above P. parents was  
Born April 29<sup>th</sup> 1793  
Nanny Mitchell Daughter  
of the above P. parents was  
Born October 25<sup>th</sup> 1795  
Winnie Mitchell Daughter  
of the above P. parents  
was Born Dec:  
22 Day 1798

[p 16: On January 23, 1856 in Franklin County Georgia, Eleanor Mitchell, 88, now a resident of Hart County, Georgia, applied for her bounty land entitlement in which he states her maiden name was Eleanor Caldwell.]

[p 41: James Cobb a neighbor in Franklin County Georgia gave testimony that he knew William Mitchell while living in Union District South Carolina and recounts what he recalls of conversations by his (Cobb's) father regarding the services of William Mitchell during the revolution. Cobb's deposition is dated December 27, 1833.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$92.50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 2 years service as a private in the South Carolina militia, partly in the infantry & partly in the cavalry. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

<sup>3</sup> The War Department read the date as December 26, 1788.