

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Mitchell W7459

Eve Mitchell

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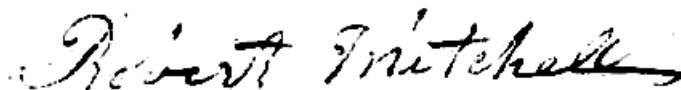
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I Robert Mitchell being Seventy six years of age on the 6th day of September in the year 1817 do declare and state upon oath that about the commencement of the war of the American Revolution and before the Expedition under General Montgomery against Québec being then a resident of Winchester in Virginia I enlisted under Daniel Morgan in his company of riflemen by him raised for one year, and proceeded with the said then Captain Morgan under the command of the then Colonel Arnold [Benedict Arnold] through the wilderness to Québec accompanied by my wife, who was one of the four women that accompanied the Expedition. At Québec I was taken prisoner and remained a Prisoner from New Year's Day in the morning until the Spring when with the rest of the Prisoners I was sent to New York and exchanged from whence I returned with my wife to Winchester in Virginia when the year of my enlistment expired. I, then at Winchester in Virginia, again enlisted for and during the war under Captain Peter Bryan Bruin [Peter Bryant Bruin], who had been an Ensign in Morgan's Company in the expedition against Québec in a company of infantry raised by said Bruin and attached to the Eleventh Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan. In this Regiment I was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Princetown [Princeton, January 3, 1777] and Trenton [December 26, 1776]. I was also in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and the battle of White Plains [October 28, 1776] and at the Storming of Stony Point [July 16, 1779]. In these latter battles as well as my recollection now serves me I was attached to the Seventh Regiment under the command of Colonel Thomas Posey. In the battle of Brandywine I received a flesh wound in my left arm and in the battle of Monmouth I received a flash wound in the left leg. In the course of the war I was transferred to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dark [William Darke] which I think was called the 9th Regiment I was in the Regiment under the command of Colonel Dark at the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and at the close of the war was discharged at Winchester in Virginia and received my discharge from Colonel Dark which discharge I have since lost. I have become very old and infirm and have applied for a pension upon account of my wounds but without succeeding. I never received any land or other aid or assistance from the Country and my wife is now living. I was a musician and at the close of the war was drum major to Dark's Regiment. All of which I declare at[sic, and] state upon oath this 10th day of April 1818.

S/ Robert Mitchell



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District of Columbia, SS

On this first day of October 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district, personally appeared Robert Mitchell aged seventy-six years, resident in Washington 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 and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Robert Mitchell enlisted in Winchester in the State of Virginia in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Peter Bryan Bruin of the eleventh Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment (but had before that marched in Morgan's rifle company to Québec); that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the end of the war, when he was discharged from service in Winchester aforesaid State of Virginia; that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Trenton, & Princeton, Stony Point, & Monmouth, and also at Québec when Montgomery fell, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, having lost his discharge. Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

[Attested by Buckner Thurston, Judge October 1, 1818.]

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State of Ohio Belmont County: SS

At a Court of Common Pleas begun and held at St Clairsville in & for the said County of Belmont on the 24th day of July A.D. 1820 before the Honorable Peter Pappan Esquire President of the fifth circuit of the courts of Common Pleas, Edward Bryson, John Wiley & Joseph Anderson Esquires associate judges of the said court on this 28th day of July A.D. 1820, personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the said County in the said Circuit, Robert Mitchell aged Eighty years resident in Belmont County in the said circuit being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his Oath – declare

That he served in the Revolutionary War as follows –

That he enlisted for the Term of one year in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Morgan as a rifle company in Winchester Virginia in the fall of the year 1774 or 1775 and was marched to Québec under Arnold and was taken prisoner and sent to New York, and was exchanged and discharged at Winchester Virginia. That he reenlisted for the term of three years or during the War at Winchester as drum major in the company commanded by Captain Peter Brion Bruen in the 11th old Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan sometime in the spring of the year 1776. That the said Regiment was reduced from the Eleventh to the Seventh. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the year 1781 when he was discharged at Winchester Virginia by Colonel Daniel Morgan which he hath lost – That he has no other evidence of his said service now in his power –

That he was in the battle of Québec, when General Montgomery fell, the battle of Brandywine, the battle of Germantown, the battle of Monmouth, the battle of Stony Point, White Plains and at the taking of Lord Cornwallis. That he doth not now remember the exact date of his declaration but thinks it was sometime in the spring of 1818 upon which a Certificate issued numbered _____. That his occupation is a laborer but unable to work.

And I do solemnly swear –

that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that 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 18th 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 except what may become due you in September on my Pension Certificate. –

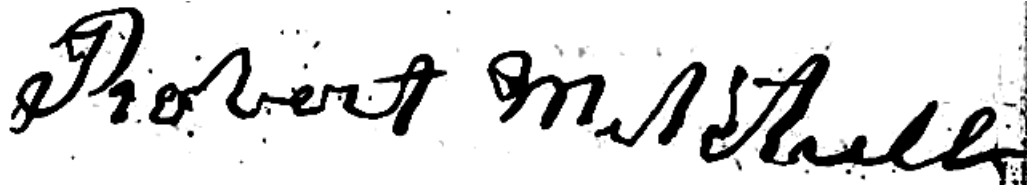
No Real property or Personal of any kind except his clothing

That his family consist of him and his wife who is sixty-four years of age and unable to work

S/ Robert Mitchell

Sworn to and declared on the 28th day of July 1820 before the Court of Common Pleas of Belmont County, state of Ohio Attest: S/ Ezer Ellis, Clk

[p 19: on August 12, 1826 in Ohio County Virginia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Virginia agency giving as his reason for removing to Virginia that he could reside in a family with whom he can be better accommodated than in Ohio.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Mitchell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent 'R' at the beginning and a 'k' at the end.

[His application was supported by an affidavit of Morgan Nelson of Ohio County Virginia.]

[p 6: On January 9, 1839 in Belmont County Ohio, Eve Mitchell, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Mitchell a pensioner as a musician for his service in the Revolutionary War; "that the said Robert Mitchell entered the service of the United States under enlistment of three years by Captain Morgan at Winchester Frederick County Virginia in the year 1775 and that this deponent accompanied the troops with her husband to Boston and to Québec and was there when Montgomery fell, and after the return of the said Robert Mitchell to Winchester Virginia he again enlisted under Colonel Morgan..."; That she married him in July 1773 in Winchester Virginia; that they were married by the Reverend Mr. Mitchell, a Lutheran minister; that she has no record of her marriage or the births of her children; that her husband died in June 1827 and that she has remained his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 8: On January 9, 1839 in Belmont County Ohio, Mary Bramhall, 55, a resident of said County and state gave a supporting affidavit stating that she is the daughter of Robert and Eve Mitchell; that she lived with her parents until 1803 at which time she married and lived near her parents until her father's death in 1827. She signed her affidavit with her mark. Her husband's name is not stated.]

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State of Ohio County of Belmont: SS

On the 16th day of September 1844 personally appeared before the undersigned Nichols a

Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Belmont and State of Ohio aforesaid, Eve Mitchell a resident of Union Township in the County of Belmont and State aforesaid aged eighty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 3rd March 1843 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of Robert Mitchell who was a private during the war, along to a company of riflemen commanded by Captain Daniel Morgan of the Eleventh Virginia Regiment, left under command of Captain Daniel Morgan, marched from thence to Philadelphia & rested a few days from thence to Roxbury, their rested a few days and from thence to Québec and was in the engagement at the time the Americans besieged the town of Québec at which time and place the Americans was taken prisoners (save seven) by the British. Said Mitchell was one of the seven who escaped, was in various other engagements not now certainly recollected. Said Eve Mitchell drew a pension of \$80 per annum under the act of July 7th 1838. She further declares that she is still a widow.

S/ Eve Mitchell, X her mark

[Facts in file: the veteran moved about the year 1790 to Warm Springs Virginia where he lived several years and in 1811 was living in Morris town, Belmont County Ohio; Mary Bramhall is the only child named in the file documents.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 10, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 5-page file

By the Books in this Office it does not appear that any Military Land bounty warrant has issued to Robert Mitchell for his services in the Revolutionary War.

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S/ John Davenport, Clerk

Muskingum County of Ohio SS

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Muskingum in the State of Ohio, William Flood¹ of lawful age, who upon his Solemn Oath duly administered according to law, doth depose and say, That he is well acquainted with Robert Mitchell, now a Drummer at Zanesville; this Deponent Enlisted in the United States service in the year 1775. That the said Robert Mitchell continued in the Service as a Drum Major under Captain Daniel Morgan of Winchester Virginia, from said year 1775 until the close of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th of August 1812.

S/ William Flood, X his mark

Belmont County Ohio Sct.

Test: Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Belmont in the State of Ohio Robert Mitchell who upon his Solemn oath deposeth and saith

¹ [William Flood S42728](#)

that he has neither directly or indirectly procured or obtained any Certificate or Warrant for his bounty in Lands during his Enlistment and that he never obtained any original Certificate from his Commander. The reasons why he never obtained a certificate from his Commander are that at the close of the war he never had it in his power to obtain a Certificate owing to the distance he resided from his officer. That his late Captain Peter B. Bruin having for many years since Resided at Natchez, having put it out of his power & further this deponent saith not.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 5th October 1812

S/ Robert Mitchell

Robert Mitchell