

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Mitchell W7460

Ann Mitchell

f91NC

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State of North Carolina, Caswell County

On this 20th day of June 1843 personally appeared before me Bluford Cooper, a Justice of the peace for the County of Caswell, Ann Mitchell, a resident of Caswell County aged Eighty one years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows [that her husband, David Mitchell] who was in the army of the revolution, sometimes as private soldiers and at others times as a lieutenant from the beginning of the war in 1776 until the fall of the year 1781 was in the battle at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] [March 15, 1781], Guilford Court House, North Carolina, besides several skirmishes with the Tories and Stationed some time at Fayetteville, North Carolina, always as a volunteer in the militia, was of Capt. McMullen's Company and others. She further declares that she was married to the said David Mitchell on the 13th day of June in the Year Seventeen hundred and eighty two (1782) that her husband, the aforesaid David Mitchell, died on the 30th day of August eighteen hundred and thirty one (1831). That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to his leaving the service; but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz: at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and Year above written before

S/ Bluford Cooper, J. P.

S/ Ann Mitchell, X her mark

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State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

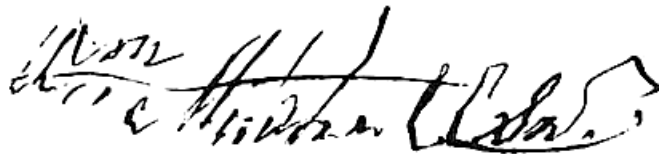
Before me James Bivins, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Rutherford aforesaid this day personally appeared William Mitchell¹ aged about Seventy eight years, a soldier of the Revolution, and a pensioner of the United States who after being first duly sworn deposed and saith that David Mitchell, late deceased of Caswell County North Carolina was his brother and died leaving a widow, Ann Mitchell, as he is

¹ [William Mitchell S4221](#)

informed and believes still survives and resides in said Caswell County. This deponent saw the said David and Ann married, which occurred in Orange County, North Carolina at the residence of William Anderson, her father. Deponent was present at the wedding—it occurred shortly after the close of the war—he thinks about one year after the close of the war. Said David Mitchell served as a private soldier in the militia of the Revolution for the period of six months. His officers were Captain John Atkinson, Ensign Payne and Lieutenant Douglass. Deponent knows of his going into the service & returning from it. He enlisted in Caswell County and marched down in the direction of Fayetteville, N. Carolina. Deponent cannot remember when this six months tour was served, but it was a year or two before his subsequent service. The next campaign in which said David Mitchell served he acted as Lieutenant and McMullin [John McMullin or John McMullen]² was his Captain, deponent was a private in the company. This tour of service lasted eight weeks, and during its continuance said David was at Ferguson's defeat at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], and was in the battle. The next tour of duty performed by said David Mitchell lasted five weeks, under Captain Hargus [Shadrach Hargis], David Mitchell was a Lieutenant in the company & this deponent was a private, and during its continuance said David with his company was in the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] —the next campaign he served was in the tour of three weeks to Lexington Swamp, where there was a skirmish. McMullen was the captain and David Mitchell was again Lieutenant. Deponent served with said David in all these campaigns, except the first named. Deponent was then too young to go out; but took a deep interest in the eventful scenes of that day and remembers well of the details of his brother's services in the first campaign of six months; they were the subject of daily conversation as they occurred and were treasured up by the family. Deponent for further particulars and for facts which time may have obliterated in his memory refers the department to his declaration for a pension.

And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Wm. Mitchell, Sr.



Subscribed & sworn before me this 6th July 1843 and I certify that said William Mitchell is a person of excellent character & worthy of credit in any court of justice or elsewhere.

S/ James Bivins, JP

[p 30: David Mebane of Orange County North Carolina gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of David Mitchell of Caswell County to and Anderson of Orange County; that he was one of the waiters in that ceremony. His affidavit is not dated but the acknowledgment is dated January 8th, 1844.



² [John McMullin \(McMullen\) W4287](#)

[p 8 family record][slightly different version appears on p. 18—differences in brackets]

John Mitchell was born April 28th 1783

William Mitchell was born May 5 1785

David Mitchell was born April 2nd 1787

Robert Mitchell was born March 1st 1789

Jane [Jenney] Mitchell was born May 10th 1791

Francis [Fanny] Mitchell was born September 26 1795

Samuel [Saml] Mitchell was born March 19th 1798

Anderson Mitchell was born July 13th 1800

Elizabeth [Elisabeth] Mitchell was born November 30, 1802

David Mitchell died February 13th 1841 [13th could be 15th]

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DEATHS.	
David Mitchell	Died July 13 th 1841

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John Mitchell was born in April the 2^d in the year of our
Lord 1783
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Lord 1785 on May the 15th Day
David Mitchell was Born April 2^d in the year 1787
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State of North Carolina Caswell County

On this 20th day of June 1843 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Caswell, James McMurry, and made oath in due form of law that he served only one tour of three months in the war of the revolution, commenced in the month of August 1781, while he was in the Army he became acquainted with David Mitchell & served with him one month in Capt. McMullen's Company, during this time he the said David Mitchell acted as Lieut. of Capt. McMullen's Company.

This deponent further declares that he was present when David Mitchell and Ann Anderson was married which took place sometime in June 1782.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first written before
S/ Bluford Cooper, JP

S/ James McMurray

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State of North Carolina Caswell County

On this 5th day of September 1843 Personally appeared before me John E Brown a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Elisha Evans³ a resident of Caswell County and a Revolutionary Pensioner who being duly sworn according to law deposed and sayeth that he was in the revolutionary war and served Personally with David Mitchell a tour of two months in Captain McMullen's Company – in the fall of the year 1780, he the said David Mitchell furnishing his own Horse, Saddle and Gun for and in

³ [Elisha Evans S6830](#)

Sworn to & subscribed on the date aforesaid before me

S/ John H Wiley, JP

S/ John K Browning



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State of North Carolina Caswell County

I John B McMullin certify that I have repeatedly heard my father John McMullin who was a Captain & Lieutenant in the war of the revolution & who for many years preceding his death drew a pension as such say at the time he was Captain that David Mitchell of this State & County formerly & the husband of Ann Mitchell, was Lieutenant, & further that after the death of the said David Mitchell I wrote an obituary of said Mitchell in which I stated his services in the Revolution, as Lieutenant, which relation was seen by my father, & concurred in, I have no doubt from the above evidence, & many other circumstances of the services of said Mitchell in the war, but the length of the services, I am unable to say anything definitely about, given under my hand, and sworn to this 3rd day of April 1847

Before me

S/ B. Cooper, JP

S/ John B McMullin {Seal}



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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this 19th day of June 1843 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Orange John Porterfield⁵ a Revolutionary Pensioner of the said County of Orange being first duly sworn according to law, declares that David Mitchell served three months in the war of the Revolution either as a private or Lieutenant, commencing in July 1781 under General Butler [John Butler], Colonel Moore [William Moore], during the three months he the said John Porterfield serve personally with the said David Mitchell.

S/ John Porterfield, X his mark

[Facts in file: Widow, Ann Anderson Mitchell, died July 15, 1847 in Caswell County, NC, survived by the following children: John Mitchell, Jane Wiley, Frances Mebane, Betsy Curry and Anderson Mitchell.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$69.75 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending August 30, 1831 when he died. He was commissioned for service as a private for 6 months and as a Lieutenant for 3 months and 22 days in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

⁵ [John Porterfield W1995](#)