

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of George Mitchell W9574

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State of Kentucky – Henry county Sct.

On this [?]rd day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the county court of Henry county & state of Kentucky & court being now sitting – George Mitchell (who sometimes signs his name George K. Mitchell) – a resident of the county of Henry & state of Kentucky aforesaid – aged about sixty nine years on the 16th day of march 1832 who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benifit of the provision made by the act of congress passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers & served as herein stated – towit – under Capt. Kirkpartrick [sic: Abraham Kirkpatrick] – Col. [Thomas] Gaskins – Major Willis, ensign Scott – lieutenant Martin – that he belonged to the 8th Virginia Regiment, which was made up of parts of several Regiments – while he served as herein after stated – in South Carolina & Georgia – Col. [Thomas] Posey and Major [Samuel] Finley commanded. That he entered the service in the spring of 1781 in the month of (march he thinks) but he does not recollect the day of the month, That he lived when he entered the service in the county of Richmond & state of Virginia. That he was born on the 16th day of march 1763 in the county of Essex county and state of Virginia. That he has a record of his age, in a Book, now at his house, which his farther gave him – in which it is stated that he was Born on the 16th march 1763. That sence the war he has lived in the state of Kentucky – mostly in Henry County where he now lived That he joined the army on James River or near it – in the state of virginia. The army marched through Virginia towards the north Carolina line & crossed at Goords Bridge [sic: Goode's Bridge on Appomattox River]. We then marched back into the interior of Virginia in pursuit of the British sometimes & at other times retreating – that the army passed through Richmond in pursuit of the British. He thinks that Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne had the command. From Richmond we marched to a place called bottoms Bridges [Bottoms Bridge on Chickahominy River], where the american troops we collecting for the purpose of Beseigeing Cornwallis at York – at which place he was taken sick & sent to a hospital in hanovertown, up the river five or six miles from New castle [now Old Church] in Virginia. That he laid there sick for some time & after he recovered a little, he obtained a furlow from major Willis & went home where he remained there two or three weeks & having recovered his health he again joined the army in November his term of service not having then expired – the army was at that time at Powhatan court house in Virginia. Finley was Major & Feebecker [sic: Christian Febiger] was Col. at which place the army remained until the 14th of February 1782. From which place the army marched to the state of Georgia, through parts of both Carolina's. The army remained some time at Ebenezer Creek 25 or thirty miles from Savana [sic: Savannah]. From thence we marched near Savanna & near there we had a slight Battle with the British & the British retreated to the Town – at this time the British had possession of Savanna. We took a British Col. prisner – after which the army continued in the neighborhood of Savana, until the Battle with the royal troops & the Creek Indians [probably skirmish at Sharon GA, 24 May 1782]. Wayne commanded, the British & Indians were driven by our army – the Battle was in the night – we took some prisners. That he was in the Battle & that the americans had the advantage – a short time afterward the British left Savana [11 Jul 1782] & we took possession & staid until October – as he thinks & then marched to Virginia to Powhatan court house, in the last of November, when he was discharged by Gen'l. [Charles] Scott – towit – in the last of Nov. 1782 – he received a written discharge, but has long since lost it. He further states that he was drafted for eighteen months & entered the army by virtue of the draft as a private soldier & remained a private during the term of service – that after the 18 months was elapsed – He was still in Georgia with the army & that he was not discharged until the army marched to Virginia – he states that he continued in the

service for the whole term for which he was drafted – except for the few weeks, that he was sick as aforesaid and that he was not discharged for two months after his term expired – making in all at least 20 months. That he supposes, that he belonged to the Virginia state troops. That he has now no documentary evidence of his service, & knows of no person whose testimoney he can procure who can testify to the same. That Johnathan Kidwell & Thos. Brown are citizens of Henry county & reside in my neighborhood & to whom he is known & who can & will testify that his character for veracity is good & that they believe he served as a soldier of the revolution as above stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afs'd.

[signed] George Mitchell

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists Geo. Mitchell/ age 18/ height 5' 8"/ planter/ enlisted as a substitute in Richmond County for 18 months. Sized in July 1781.

In July 1843 George Mitchell applied to have his pension transferred to Missouri, having moved to Jackson County. His identity was certified by one Madison W. Mitchell.

On 25 Aug 1853 in Platte County MO Elizabeth Mitchell, 80, applied for a pension stating that as Elizabeth Watts she married George Mitchell in Woodford County KY on 17 June 1790. She stated that she and her husband lived in Kentucky until June or July 1843, then moved to Jackson County MO for about two years, then moved to Platte County about the first of March 1845, where George Mitchell died on 5 March 1848.