Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Mitchell S21888
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South Carolina Greenville District:

On this the ninth Day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting George Mitchell a resident of Greenville district South Carolina, aged eighty years, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, in the year "seventy-seven" under Capt. Waddy Tate in the month of November and left the service sometime in April following -- lived in Guilford County North Carolina when he entered the service -- he volunteered his services -- was in no battles, marched out of North Carolina into South Carolina -- does not recollect any Continental regiments or campaign did not march to the Main Army which was stationed at Camden South Carolina, does not recollect any of the regular officers, has no papers, Stephen Dill and Runnels Dill can testify as to the affiant's being in the service -- this applicant then served two three months tours -- was drafted and went under Col. Moore [William Moore] and General Butler [John Butler] in the year "eighty-one" -- resided in Caswell County, North Carolina when drafted -- does not recollect the month -- left the service at the expiration of the six months -- was in no battle marched from North into South Carolina, was stationed at twelve mile Creek in the second tour was drafted as a fatigue man.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. I was born in the year "fifty-three" -- have no record of my age -- was living in Guilford and Caswell Counties when called into service -- has lived in Greenville South Carolina since the revolutionary war, and lives here now -- volunteered once and was drafted twice -- believes he received a discharge once but it is lost -- Mr. Nelson, Mr. Pool, Mr. Russell will testify as to applicants character for veracity good behavior and &c.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. McDaniel, C. C. P.

S/ George Mitchell, X his mark

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and Robert Nelson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ This MAY be a reference to the man whose widow filed <u>Runnels Dill R2953</u>. The file does not contain any testimony given by Dill.

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South Carolina Greenville District:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace district of Greenville George Mitchell, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that 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 -- For six months I served as a private under Capt. Wandudy Tate. For three months I served as a private under Capt. Wanmuck [sic, Womack?] -- For three months I served as a private under Capt. Saunders [perhaps Captain Richard Saunders of Caswell County] -- and for such service of the 11 months I claim a pension --

I know of no one whose testimony I can procure as to my services -- Stephen Dill & Runnels were acquainted with me at the period of the revolution and knew that it was understood that I was in the service of the United States, but they were not with me nor did they see me in the service --

Sworn to and subscribed this July 11th 1833 Before me S/William Choice, Not. Pub. & Ex Off J. Q.

S/ George Mitchell, his mark

[p 8: On March 20, 1857, Thomas Mitchell gave an affidavit & a power of attorney in Greenville District South Carolina stating that he is the son of George Mitchell a revolutionary war pensioner and that his father died February 21, 1839. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia.