

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Mitchell S5767

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State of Virginia }

Bedford County } SS.

On this 28th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Bedford now sitting John Mitchell a resident of Virginia in the County of Bedford aged seventy one years who being first 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 enlisted in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. That in the latter part of the year 1781 he was drafted from the County of Bedford to serve a Tour of six months in the militia in the war of the revolution That they rendezvoused at Prince Edward Courthouse and marched from thence to Richmond where they remained under the command of Capt. Newell for some time, when he Cap. Newell became a supernumerary [without enough troops for a command] – They were then placed under the command of Cap. John Slaughter & Lieutenant Nathaniel Rice and remained under them during the balance of the time of service. They were stationed in Richmond and remained their during the whole term of six months. That he has no documentary evidence now in his possession. That he received a discharge but from the little value attached to such things then he took no care of it and that it is either lost or mislaid, but that he can prove this time of service by Capt. Sam'l. Wilks [Samuel Wilks, pension application R11553] & George Swain [R10329] who served said Tour with him and to whose affidavit he refers. He hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

John Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

The following are the answers to the several interrogatories propounded by the Court to John Mitchell before whom the foregoing declaration was sworn & subscribed–

Answer to question 1st – I was born on the 3^d day of November 1761 in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia where I have ever since resided–

2nd I have a record of my age as set down by parents–

3^d 4th 5th and 6th answered & stated in the declaration –

7th I refer to William Leftwich a minister of the Gospel and to Pleasant Preston with both of whom I am well acquainted

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the affidavit of Ellender Ross aged Eighty three years old came before me Samuel Hancock a Justice of the piece for said county and made oath in due form of Law that durement the Revolutionary war she lived an neigh neighbour to John Mitchell and toward the End of the war John mitchell went Into north Corrolina & while he was gone their was a Draft made for men to go to in the army and she understood that his tower was cald for and when John mitchell Regturned home again she understood that the the Court marshell sentenced him to serve six monthes [instead of the usual three months] for his failing to go in his proper turn and this affint sayeth that she well Remembers that he did go Rote letter home to his friends while he was gone and that she heard her husband Reade the letters frequently that he did send & that she verily believes that John Mitchell served his time fully out for she never heard a word to the contrary and further this deponant sayeth not

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