Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Mitchell W3441 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

In Charlotte Superior Court of law April 12th 1819.

This day Robert Mitchell came into court and made oath that he enlisted in Capt. Edward Garland's company in the County of Lunenburg Va. in the year 1774 [sic: 1776] in the 14th Va. Regement commanded by Col. Charles Lewis, and was attached to General Greens brigade, for the term of three years to fight against the common Enemy in the revolutionary war, on Continental Establishment, that he was in the battles of Brandy Wine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and that he was discharged in the year 1777 at White Marsh [Whitemarsh] by Col. Lewis in Pensylvania and gave up his discharge on receiving his land warrant. that he is a man of a large family, no property, in very reduced circumstances.

Francis Barnes made oath in court the said Robert Mitchell is in reduced circumstances with a large family, without property, and has no way of supporting himself except by his own labour

Lunenburg County S.S.

On this 14th day of December, 1829, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County Robert Mitchell resident in said County, aged Seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March, 1818 and the 1st of May, 1820; that he the said Robert Mitchell enlisted for the term of eighteen months, (the day not recollected) but sometime in the month of May or June, in the year, 1780, in the state of Virginia, in the company Commanded by Captain [Conway] Oldham, in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Camel (or Campbell) [Richard Campbell] in the line of the state of Virginia, on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until December, 1781, when he was discharged, (his time of service having expired) from the service in Camden, in the state of South Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state, except this; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. "That his sons have been living with him, and their joint Labours have supported him, they are now of age, and he can no longer command their assistance." And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820, 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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, that since the 18th of March, 1818, I have made no sale, conveyance or exchange of property.

Schedule. "A Bed and some household furniture, a small crop growing on rented land"

Robert hisXmark Mitchell

NOTE: On 4 Sep 1847 Letty Mitchell, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Robert Mitchell on 25 Dec 1788 in Lunenburg County at the home of her father, William Ren, Sr., and that Robert Mitchell died 30 Dec 1846. The file contains a copy of a document as follows: "Permit the bearer Robert Mitchell to take license to marry with my daughter Letty Ren & this shall justify your so doing.

I am yours &c

Clerk, Lunenburg Wm. Ren Sr December 20, 1788.

Also in the file is a copy of a bond signed on 3 Dec 1788 by Robert Mitchell and Thomas Hamlin for the marriage of Mitchell to Letty Ren.