Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Mitchell W4031 Transcribed by Will Graves Penny Mitchell f83NC 5/7/09: rev'd 10/2/17

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State of North Carolina Wayne County Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1818 George Mitchel came personally into Court and made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he served twelve months (as a substitute for Boaz Kitchen) as a Private Soldier in the Revolutionary war, in the Tenth Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line commanded by Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle], and was in a Company commanded by Capt. Samuel Jones. That he joined the Main Army at Pond Ponds [sic, Pon Pon or Edisto River] in South Carolina and was discharged at the high hills of Ashley River in said State.

And this Declarant further states that he is poor and needs the aid of the Government for his support.

S/ George Mitchell, X his mark

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I Ezekiel Slocumb Chairman of the Court hereby certify that the above was Sworn to in open Court and that George Mitchell is very poor and stands in need of the aid of the government.

S/E. Slocumb

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John Davis also maketh oath that the within named George Mitchell, did serve twelve months as a Private soldier in the Revolutionary War and in the Line and Company as stated in the foregoing affidavit.

S/ John Davis

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that George Mitchell a private in Capt. Jones's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted the first day of October 1781, for the term of twelve months, that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand at Office this 1st day of December 1825.

S/Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Wayne County: Superior Court of Law

On the first day of April 1830, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record, for the district of Newbern [New Bern], County of Wayne, George Mitchell resident in said County, Sixty-Eight years of age, 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 of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that the said George Mitchell enlisted for the term of Twelve months on the day of September in the year 1781, in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Capt. Jones [Samuel Jones], in the Regiment commanded by Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle] in the line of the State of __ on the __ Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the fourth of October 1782 when he was discharged from the service at a place called Ashley Hill 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 the State of North Carolina; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: Viz. some 10 or 12 years ago (while the late Jesse Slocumb was a member of Congress from this district, he did make application for a pension, which was rejected as he was informed for the want of another witness, that since that time he has made frequent applications which have failed as he is informed from some informality or other --

And in pursuance of the act of the first of 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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 -- no changes have been made in my property -- Sworn to and declared on the first day of April 1830

S/ George Mitchell, X his mark

S/ N. Washington, Clk [p 6]

Schedule of the property of George Mitchell	
One Mare valued at	\$30.00
9 hogs	9.00
2 Barrels Corn	4.00
200 lbs Bacon	14.00
2 pales, 1 Tub & 2 Seting Chairs	1.00
3 grubbing Hoes, 3 weeding Hoes & 2 Axes	1.50
3 plough Hoes, 1 plough stock & Hames	1.50
1 Spider, 2 pewter dishes, 6 earthen plates	1.40
3 Spoons, 2 cups & Saucers & 3 Jugs	1.75
2 pots, 2 Barrels	1.00
2 wheels 1 pr. cards	1.00
	\$66.15

The said Mitchell is by occupation a farmer, is 68 years of age and quite infirm, has no other family but his wife who is 53 years of age and is also very infirm.

S/ George Mitchell, X his mark

Sworn to before me in open Court the 1st day of April 1832 S/ N. Washington, Clk

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January 6 -- 1830

North Carolina

Nash County: This day came George Mitchell before me David Winborne Irvin Eatman one of the Justices in and for Nash County and proved by the oath of Owin sillevent [sic, Owen Sullivant]¹ that he the said George Mitchell was a soldier in the old Revolutionary war and that he the said Ge. Mitchell served in the tenth Regiment under Capt. Jones and was lawfully Discharged according to law given under our hands the day and date above written. Sworn to and subscribed before us

Atest:

S/Owen Sillavat [seal]

S/ D. Winborne, JP S/ Irvin Eatman, JP

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[On August 15, 1845 in Johnston County North Carolina, Penney Mitchell, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Mitchell late of Wayne County, a pensioner for his revolutionary war services at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married her husband in Wayne County on March 17, 1782; that they were married by Elisha Holland Esquire; that her husband died in Johnston County North Carolina on September 3, 1837 aged about 83 years; and that she remains his widow. Signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On September 6, 1845, in Johnston County North Carolina, Cornelius Mitchell gave testimony that George Mitchell and Penny Mitchell route lawfully married on March 17, 1782 and that they lived together as man and wife until the death of George Mitchell on September 3, 1837. He signed his affidavit with his mark. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[p 19: On July 1, 1850, Handy Mitchell, 65, filed in Johnston County, North Carolina an affidavit stating that he is the son and oldest child of the late George Mitchell and his wife Penny Mitchell; that he, the said Handy Mitchell was born 9th July 1785. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 17, 1830 for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount]

¹ Owen Sullivant W11580