

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mitchell R7269

Chloe Mitchell

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State of Indiana County of Parke: SS

On this 11th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before me John R Porter Circuit Judge of the first Judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana (comprising said County of Parke together with other counties) and before Robert Mitchell and Eliphalet Allen Associate Judges in and for the circuit Court of said County being a Court of record now sitting William Mitchell a resident of Reserve Township in the County aforesaid aged eighty-five years, ten months and twenty-one days, 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 entered into service of the United States in May 1778¹ under Rowland Ward Captain of the militia company in Amelia County in the State of Virginia: the father of said Captain was Colonel of the same name: his Major was by the name of Haws his Christian name not recollected; his Lieutenant was by the name of Frank Eps [Francis Eppes?], David Craddock Ensign; he said William Mitchell was in the service of the United States under the above named officers nine weeks commencing in said month of May by virtue of a draft at Amelia Courthouse in said County of Amelia and thence marched to Petersburg, thence to Cabin Point, thence back to Petersburg, thence to Richmond, thence to Fredericksburg, thence marched 30 miles West and met Generals Washington and Wayne [Anthony Wayne], Lafayette at a place called the thornfield at which place he was discharged being the end of said nine weeks service. That he entered the service of the United States the 2nd time in August 1778, the day of the month not recollected, under John Dennis (Captain) Abraham Green (Colonel) the other Officers not recollected in Amelia County in the State of Virginia. That he marched from Amelia Courthouse in said County to Petersburg thence to Cabin Point, thence to Portsmouth, thence to Petersburg, where he was discharged by Captain John Dennis, that he was in the service of the United States under the above named Officers in said tour nine weeks the day of the month when discharged not recollected. That he entered the militia service of the United States the third time in Amelia County (Virginia) in the month of October 1778 under John Knight (Captain), Haws (Colonel) his Christian name not known and the name of the other Officers not recollected; that he marched from the Courthouse of said County to Manikan [?]² town on James River thence down said River to Richmond, continued three or four weeks, thence to Milton, thence to Petersburg where he was discharged; that he was in the service under said Officers the said third tour nine

¹ Generals Washington, Wayne and Lafayette did not enter Virginia until 1781 just prior to the Siege of Yorktown.

² *Manikan*

weeks. His general in said services was by the name of Muchlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], whose son was one of his aide. Colonel Abraham Green gave him a discharge in writing and also Captain John Dennis which were preserved by said William Mitchell two or three years when the same were lost and have not since been found. His discharge from Colonel Green was signed by him and two justices of the peace, as he said Mitchell understood to keep him safe; He has no documentary evidence of said service. He was during said services a drafted militia man and does not now recollect so as to distinguish between the regular and militia officers. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove the above services or any of them. He hereby relinquishes 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, that he knows of, or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia.

He further stated in answer to the questions propounded by said Court that he was born in the County of Essex in the State of Virginia and in the year 1746; that he has no record of his age in this country, that the record of his age was kept by the pastor of the diocese of said County of Essex whose name was Thomas Crowder; that he was living in Amelia County in the State of Virginia at the time he entered said service, that he continued to live sometime after the close of the Revolutionary war in said state, thence he moved to the State of Kentucky and thence to the State of Indiana where he now resides; that he was a drafted militia man each time he was called into said service; that he does not recollect any further about the Officers or their names than he has above stated, or any other circumstances of said services; that he received no other discharges than he has above stated, and that said statement contains all of the circumstances on that subject which he now recollects of; that David Cassatt & Daniel Wickersham are the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

S/ William Mitchell, X his mark

[p 11: On August 12, 1842 in Morgan County Indiana, Chloe Mitchell, 87 years of age the 23rd of January 1842, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Mitchell, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 5, 1776; that her husband died July 8, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months & 9 days in the Virginia militia.]

[Note: a summary letter appearing in this file contains the following additional information:

" He [veteran] died July 8, or August 28, 1836, place not stated.

Chloe [also spelled Cloa] Mitchell a resident of Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana, was born January 23, 1755 and whose maiden name was Nance applied for pension on August 12, 1842 as the widow of said William Mitchell and alleged that she was married to him on December 5, 1776. Her claim was not allowed as proof of date of marriage was not furnished as required by the pension laws. She died in Morgan County, Indiana, August 28, 1842.

In 1852 it was stated by daughter Olivia and son Giles that the following six children survived her: Mrs. Olivia Bullington [widow of John Bullington]; William; Giles; James; Frederick [about 68 years old at

the time of his death in Tennessee survived by 2 children Philip and Polly Mitchell] and Mrs. Ann Sparks [wife of Wesley Sparks late of Park County Indiana] (the last 2 were dead in 1852). In 1853 the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Morgan County, Indiana, stated that the following six children survived her: Mrs. Olivia Bullington; William; Giles; James; Mrs. Polly Burton and Mrs. Elizabeth Alice. There is no explanation as to the discrepancy in those 2 statements."]