

James Mitchell

Tennessee
No. 183.

from 1777 private
3 yrs.
Age 80.

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on Roll

15 Feb 1883
Hon George Sherman
Clerk

37. Jan 7, 1883

State of Tennessee }

Robertson County } On this ninth day of August

1832 personally appeared before me Chilton Brown
justice of the peace in the County and State aforesaid
James Mitchell a resident in the County of Robertson and
State of Tennessee, and after being duly sworn according
to law, doth make the following statement.

That in the fall of 1776 he lived at the house of John Rogers
in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia that he volunteered
in a rifle company under Capt. Christopher Irvine and served
a tour of two or three months against the Cherokee Indians,
Col. Christie was first, and I think Col. Russell was second
in command.

The N^o Mitchell doth further state on his oath, that on the
first day of January in the year 1777 he enlisted in the army
of the United States ^{in the fortifying line} under Capt. George Lambert in the
County of Bedford State of Virginia, for the term of three
years. I served under Col. Adam Braddock also a Col. - Davis
and a Col. - Bell; I have a distinct recollection of an officer
much beloved by the men whose name was Samuel Jordan Lavel,
whose title ran thus — Maj. of the tenth Virginia regiment,
Maj. of Brigade, Brigade Inspector, Sub-inspector, and Adjutant
General. My Captain George Lambert was broke of his commission
for stealing a hot. I think that Archibald Strome succeeded Capt. Lamberton
who I believe was my first Lieutenant, Andrew Rodgers was my
second Lieutenant, the (Rodgers) resigned his commission after serving
12 or 15 months; Rodgers is dead, his name may be found on the
pension roll, embraced under the Act of 1818. When first I joined
the service I belonged to the fourteenth Virginia Regiment, but
was afterwards reduced to the tenth.

When I joined the regular army we were marched to Dumfries Va.
and encamped with the smallpox, from Dumfries we marched to
Alexandria Va. (now in the District of Columbia) at which place we
remained some weeks until we got well of the smallpox or variola
from thence we marched through Georgetown and other places not now
recalled, and early in the month of June 77. we joined the main
army under the command of Genl Washington in the State
of N. Jersey, about which time I think that Genl Lafayette
received from Genl Washington the command of a Div. General.
The first winter we lay at Valley forge in the State of Penns-
ylvania. I was in the battle of Monmouth under Genl Lee on
the 28th of June 1778. The following winter we lay at
Middle Brook in the State of New Jersey, not far from New Brunswick.
During the year of 79 we were marched to many places, but I
cannot state with any precision the names of them.

In the fall or beginning of winter, 79 we had built our winter
huts in the vicinity of Trenton N. Jersey but received orders
for those whose time of service would expire on the first of
January following to be marched to Philadelphia, at which
place many of the soldiers were discharged, myself and others were
retained for the purpose of guarding some prisoners to Fredricktown
in the State of Maryland, at which place I received an
honourable discharge after three years service; I received my
discharge from Col (probable Mr.) Hall, his Christian name
not recalled.

I disposed of my discharge for a trifling sum shortly after an Act of
Congress making provision for the Officers and Soldiers of the
Revolution who had received their pay in a depreciated currency.

In the Spring of 1781 I volunteered in Bedford County Virginia
in a rifle company; Jacob Moore was my captain, Benjamin Rice
was first Lieutenant, and myself first sergeant, we were under the
command of Col Charles Lynch until we joined Genl Greene,
we marched to Guilford Courthouse in the State of N. Carolina
I was in the heat of that battle on the 15th of March, my Capt.
(Moore) was killed, Benj. Rice succeeded him, and I was promoted to Comptgtn

In this battle the British left the field, but soon left it; we pursued them nearly to their shipping but could not get another fight out of them; the Virginia Volunteers left Genl. Greene with the regulars, and returned home; I think I served about 2 months this time. During the summer of '81 I served another tour of a few weeks, and the same fall I moved from Bedford County Va. to what is now Mercer County Kentucky, where I had many little skirmishes with the Indians.

In 1807 I removed from Mercer County Ky. to Robertson County Tennessee my present residence; Should I live until the 17th day of November next I shall be 78 years of age; Springfield my county town, is a distance of fifteen miles from me a greater distance than I have travelled for several years, I think I could travel that far, but it would be attended with much inconvenience, such being the case, I have made my declaration before a Justice of the peace, who constituted one of the judges of our County Court, and submit it to the department with such other evidence as I have been able to procure, as I am in possession of no papers that would go to establish my claim.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, embraced in an Act of Congress, passed on the 7 June A.D. 32, and so further declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Swear & Subscribed
to before me, date above
written, Attilow Bourne P.
James Mitchell

I do hereby certify that I believe the foregoing statements in the declaration made by James Mitchell to be true - date above written
Attilow Bourne

State of Tennessee This day personally appeared
Robertson County Nathaniel Terry before me
Ottilton Bourne an acting Justice of the
Peace in and for said County and made
oath that he lives at this time a neighbour
to James Ottitchell the present applicant
for a pension & that he recollects having
known James Ottitchell while in the service
of the U.S. in the War of the Revolution
that he knows he was in the service but
cannot say how long, but fully believes
from the general character of said Ottitchell
and his general reputation of his being a
Revolutionary Soldier that his declaration
true -

Sworn & Subscribed -

To before me - date above
written, Ottilton Bourne

Nathaniel Terry

I hereby certify that Col Nathaniel Terry whose
signature appears above is a man of credit-
ability, and a man of respectability
Signed under my hand the 23rd day of March
1833 Ottilton Bourne P.D.

State of Tennessee This day Personally appeared
Robertson County. Henry Ayres before me
William Brown an acting Justice of the Peace
for said County and made oath in due
form of law that he was raised a neighbour
to James Mitchell the within applicant
in Biafra County State of Virginia but does
not recollect of being P. Mitchell in the Army
of the Revolution as I belonged to fifth Regt
But that it was generally believed that he
did serve a term of three years in the
Continental line I have seen the J. Mitchell
and been at his house since he removed to
this State and County and find him to
be the same man and have no doubt but
that he is of the age that he states in his declara-
tion and that he did perform the services
in the War of the Revolution that he has herein
stated -

Sworn & Subscribed
to before me Augt 15th 1832
C M Brown P

Henry Ayres

State of Illinois
Robertson County } I William Seal Clerk of
the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the
County aforesaid do hereby certify that said
Court is a Court of record; that a Notary Public
Esq; whose name stands attested to the four
going affidavits is a Justice of the peace in &
for said County duly commissioned and
qualified as such & that he is a member of
the Court aforesaid, that full faith and credit
is and ought to be due to his official acts as
such & that his signature is genuine.

In Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal
of said Court in the town of
Springfield this 14th day of August
1832

W. Seal

State of Tennessee

Robertson County. 3 James Mitchell personally appeared before me on the 14th Day of May 1833 aged 77 years being duly sworn upon ope
court doth upon his oath make the following declaration

addition to the oaths on her behalf made in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 I declare that the preceding Declaration made by me all respects true

I do now subscribe

In open Court this

14th of May 1833

Test. W. Coalbeck

James Mitchell

We, John Green a clergyman resident in said County and Henry Gardner a citizen resident of said County do hereby certify that we have long known James Mitchell who we do apply for a pension - that we believe him to be about seventy nine years old as stated in his Declaration - that he has the reputation in the neighborhood whom we wish to have been a Revolutionary soldier and we concur in that opinion

Subscribed in open Court

Test. W. Coalbeck

John Green M. G.
Henry Gardner

and the said Court do hereby deliver their opinion, after the
enquiry upon of the matter before putting the interrogatories
presented by the War Department that the above named
applies to was a Revoltionary soldier served as he
states. The Court further certifies that it appears to
them that Thomas Guinn who signed the preceding
certificate is a Clergyman residing in the County of
Robertson & is a credible person that Mary Gordon
is also a credible person & County is a credible person
that their statement is entitled to credit

J. H. Lockett
John McEntire
C. Johnson

J. William Lead Clerk of the County Court of
Robertson certify that the foregoing contains the original
Proceeding of the said Court in the matter of the application
of Jason Mitchell for a pension

to determine the amount of same hereto set
by hand and affixed the public seal
of my office at Springfield this

11th of May 1833

W. Lead

It is the request of James Mitchell the within applicant
that the Department report the result of their investigation
to him; or to Robt. W. Mitchell Post Master, directed

No. 4th Post office
Robertson Co. T. C.
Mississippi.

May 16. 1833

J. M. Mitchell

for a physician

The Declaration
of James Stithell
for a pension

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* See on fourth page that Milton Bonney Esq. has certified to the credibility of Col. N^o Gerry one of the subscribing witnesses; this has been done since the papers were returned by the Department.

May 14. 1833.

James Mitchell
Rector

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Characteristic

After a discussion
of former trials
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson

March 18, 1938.

J. W. Milan
1807 Pere Marquette Building
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RA-J/ILL
James Mitchell
S. 2836

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of James Mitchell, who was born November 17, 1754, in Bedford County, Virginia, and died May 17, 1838, in Robertson County, Tennessee.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, S. 2836, based upon service of James Mitchell in the Revolutionary War.

James Mitchell was born November 17, 1754; the place of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown. He resided in Bedford County, Virginia, at the time of the Revolutionary War.

James Mitchell enlisted in the fall of 1776, and served a tour of two or three months as private in Captain Christopher Irvine's company, Colonel Christopher Irvine's Virginia regiment, engaged against the Indians. He enlisted January 1, 1777, served as private in Captains George Lambert's and Archibald Moon's (possibly mounted for Archibald Moon's) company, Colonel Andrew Bedford's and Davies' Virginia regiment, and in Colonel Bell's Virginia regiment, marched from Virginia to New Jersey, wintered at Valley Forge, was in the battle of Monmouth, wintered next at Middlebrook, New Jersey, and was discharged at Philadelphia, length of service three years. He enlisted in Bedford County, Virginia, in the spring of 1781, served in Captain Jacob Moon's company company, Colonel Charles Lee's Virginia regiment, was in the battle of Guilford Court House, in which his Lieutenant was killed, and he (James Mitchell) was promoted to ensign, length of service two months. He served another tour of two months in the Virginia troops in the summer of 1781, names of officers not stated.

The soldier moved from Bedford County, Virginia, in the fall

of 1781, to Mercer County, Kentucky, where he had many skirmishes with the Indians, dates not given. James Mitchell moved in 1807, to Robertson County, Tennessee.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 9, 1822, at which time he resided in Robertson County, Tennessee. The soldier made no reference whatever to wife or children.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name of person paid, and, possibly, the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and furnish the following:

James Mitchell
Certificate #19206
Issued August 14, 1833
Rate \$50 per annum
Commenced March 4, 1831
Act of June 7, 1832
Tennessee Agency.

Very truly yours,

A. D. MILLER,
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator.