

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Mitchel Fleming S16810
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State of Missouri County of Cape Girardeau

A declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of 7th June 1832. On the 22nd day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of the County of Cape Girardeau aforesaid, in Open Court, Mitchel Fleming, a resident of Apple Creek Township in the County of Cape Girardeau and State of Missouri aforesaid aged 71 years and eight months Who first being duly sworn according to law; Doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832; That he volunteered in the year 1777 in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina, in Order to supply a draft to be made for the term of five months; that he was first mustered into the Company of Captain Craig at the cross roads near Charlotte North Carolina; the Colonel who commanded the Regiment into which he was mustered was Colonel Frank Lock [sic, Francis Locke]; and the General who commanded the brigade, with the troops in that Section, was General Rutherford; that from the cross roads above mentioned, he marched with the troops to the ten mile spring (so-called) ten miles North of Charleston South Carolina, that he laid there with the troops, two or three weeks, and from thence marched with the troops to a place called Purrysburg 20 miles above Savannah, on Savannah River, near the line between South Carolina and Georgia; at the place last mentioned he with the troops above mentioned joined the regular Army under the command of General Lincoln. That he continued under the command of the officers above mentioned reconnoitering up and down the Savannah River; the American Army generally on the East side of said River and the British Army on the West; that he was in a small engagement on the Savannah River, while defending a landing or preventing the British troops, from crossing the River at a place called the Cany Island [? Long Island?], that he remained with the troops at the place above mentioned until the five months expired and was then properly discharged.

And further, he states that in the year 1782 he was drafted or classed in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina aforesaid and was mustered into a company of horse under the command of Captain James Stevenson, that, he marched with the company above mentioned, in a Regiment of horse and foot under the command of Colonel Isaacs, to meet the British at Wilmington North Carolina, but before reaching Wilmington was ordered to stop on Deep River about 50 miles above Fayetteville, having been informed that the British had evacuated Wilmington, that the horse company to which he was attached was employed in reconnoitering the Country about Deep River, suppressing the Tories, disaffected &c; that he served with the troops above mentioned two months during which time they took about 20 Tories were disaffected persons and conveyed them to Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina where he received a written discharge: That not then or since believing that the discharges he received as aforesaid, would be of any service to him, they have been both lost from his possession, and cannot now be found.

That the said Mitchel removed from North Carolina to Cape Girardeau County Missouri, in the year 1819 where he has resided ever since; that he has no documentary testimony and this Country by which he can establish the facts above related.

The said Mitchel 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.

And to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War department & put by the Court, the said Mitchel Fleming answers and says as follows

1st I was born in Kent County in the State of Delaware in the year 1761

2nd I have my age recorded in my family Bible at my house about 12 miles from this place (Jackson) I had entered by James Nixon a school master taken from the family record of my father;

4. [sic] I belonged to the militia, and there was a draft to be made and I volunteered on the first call and on the Second of militia were classed and the class to which I belonged were called out; the first being for five months and the second for two months, both of which terms I served

5. I was acquainted with General Lincoln Commander of the regular troops at Purrysburg on the first company and with Colonel Isaacs commandant of the militia from Wilkes County and Colonel Paceley [sic, Paisley] of Guilford County; also commandant of the militia during the last Campaign, and with Captain James Stevenson of the militia; We having not reached the regular Army until the British Army had evacuated Wilmington as aforesaid; the first tour I served in the company of Captain Craig, the second Captain Stevenson; I knew, while on my first tour, Colonel Locke and Lieutenant Colonel Brevard of the militia and their Regiment the only one I knew or served in on the first campaign

6th After serving the first tour of five months I was discharged by Captain Craig, before mentioned, after serving, the second tour of two months under Captain Stevenson, I was discharged by Captain Stevenson at Salisbury, both of which discharges have been lost, I did not consider they would be of any service and after a long time they were mislaid or destroyed

7th I am known by Colonel Samuel B. McKnight and Andrew Martin Esquire two of the Justices of the County court; with General Johnson Ranney, with Honorable Alexander Buckner Senator in Congress; Franklin Cannon Esquire Senator from this County, Peter R. Garrett Clerk of the County Court, and with the Reverend Thomas P. Green all of whom reside near me, who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution among whom I have lived for 12 years, and I believe all can testify to my character for veracity. Sworn and subscribed in Open Court this 22nd day of December A.D. 1832.

S/ Benjamin Bacon, D. Clerk

S/ Michael Fleming

[Oliver Harris, Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

A.D. 1832 Benjamin Bacon

D. Clerk of the County Court

For Peter R. Garrett, Clerk

Robert Brevard¹ Senior of legal age being first duly sworn according to law States that he has been acquainted with Mitchel Fleming more or less for some time before the commencement of the revolutionary war, that they were boys together, and the same neighborhood, at that time Rowan County State of North Carolina; that they both belong to one company in that County; That it was a custom at that time of the war breaking out with Great Britain for the soldiers of the

¹ FPA R1181

company, when a call was made, to Volunteer, that he has knowledge of said Mitchel Fleming having been out on a tour of duty, but not belonging to the same class in which Mitchel did was never out, at the same time with him: those that some part of the company were sent on an expedition down on the Savannah River; has no doubt but said Mitchel Fleming rendered the services in his declaration set forth and mentioned

Sworn to and subscribed in open court December 22, 1832

S/ Robert Brevard

[Thomas P. Green, a clergyman, and Samuel B. McKnight gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: veteran died April 15, 1837]