

## **Pension Application for William Mitchell**

S.11087

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Gilbert Ogden Fowler one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid at the office of Water Case Esquire in the Village of Newburgh in said County William Mitchell resident of the Town of Newburgh in the County aforesaid aged seventy three years, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers as served as herein stated.

In the month of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he enlisted in a company of Militia of which Arthur Smith of the Town of Newburgh aforesaid was Captain Isaac Fowler Lieutenant and Daniel Clark Ensign said company belonged to Colonel Hasbroucks Regiment and after his death to Hardenbergs Regiment he was ordered to Fort Montgomery situated on the west side, of the Hudson River in the High Lands. Captain Moody with his company of artillery was there Col. Lewis Dubois was there with his regiment of Continental Troops and Captain John Belknap with his company of Intfantry [Infantry] raised for one year General George Clinton commanded John Kniffen whose affidavit is hereunto annexed was also there at the same time with deponent and belonged to Belknap's Company.

We remained there one week and were then ordered to Fort Constitution and remained there on[e] week whilst at Fort Montgomery we were employed in Erecting fortifications in the month of May 1777 a detachment of our company of which I was one was ordered to join a company formed of detachments from different company and proceeded to Fort Montgomery aforesaid the said detachments were militia men and volunteered to serve in said company three months Samuel Clark was Captain, William Ostrander was Ensign of said company Josiagh War Sarjeant Major and Jacob Degroot now deceased was Seargeant said company belonged to Colonel Hardenberghs Regiment we went to said Fort by Watter [water] from Newburgh as we had done on our preceding tour we were employed there in cutting facines [fences] and erecting fortifications.

I remained at the fort near three months and then returned home before the company by permission of the officers having been taken sick and remained so some time afterwards after the expiration of the said three months the term of my last service the company of Arthur Smith to which I belonged was ordered out to prevent the British from landing in passing up the River with their fleet which they did soon after taking Fort Montgomery our company lay near [Donsiominus?] Point about six miles above Newburgh when the enemy passed up we continued on this duty about three weeks in all and until the enemy had passed down the River which they did after having burnt Kingston on the seventeenth day of October they made a bonfire of

Kingston on this occasion all of the Militia were ordered out and Dubois Regiment of Regulars with several Regiments of militia proceeded up the river until within a short distance of Kingston shortly after about the first of November a detachment of our said Company of which I was one was ordered to Nichols Point to join the company of Captain [Tierpening?] John Kniffen whose affidavit is annexed was there and acted as orderly Searaheant Deponent does not recollect the names of any other officers of said company Captain Drakes Company of Militia was there also and some another Militia Companys whose Captains Deponent cannot recollect we served in Nichols Point erecting fortifications two months.

There were some Continental troops there also under the command of General George Clinton. We served on Nicholls Point about two months until the first of January 1778 and were then discharged Deponent well recollects that a Frenchman was the Engineer who superintended their erection of the fortifications some time, time in the spring of the year 1778 in the month of March or April Deponent believes from the circumstance of their still being ice in the river he was ordered with a detachment to West Point to join the company of Captain Minthorn which was composed of detachments from different Militia companies there was at the time a great many militiamen at the Point but Deponent cannot recollect the names of their officers nor can he remember the names of the Continental officers. Deponent well recollects there were Continental troops there but does not recollect who commanded them.

On the day of the Battle of Monmouth [Monmouth] Deponent was on a height which overlooks fort Putnam and the surrounding Country and could distinctly hear the distant sound of cannon. Shortly afterwards two regiments of Continental Troops proceeded from West Point Southward to reinforce the American Army they crossed over to Robinson's dock a little below the Point. We were employed at the Point in erecting fortifications and remained there one month and were then discharged on the twenty seventh day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight. Deponent was ordered with a detachment of the company of Captain Smith to which he belonged to Mamakating on the Indian frontiers we were commanded by Captain Samuel Clark one Johnson was first Lieutenant and Foster Second Lieutenant we staid there one month and returned having served out our time whilst there a detachment of said company was sent out about sixty miles in the Wilderness in pursuit of the Indians. They took some prisoners and retook some cattle and brought them to [Neperoy?].

Isaac Demott whose affidavit is annexed was along at the time and served in the same company In May one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine deponent was again ordered with a detachment to [Nepeoroy?] on the Indian frontier and was attached to a company under the command of Captain [page torn-Comp??]. Deponent cannot recollect the names of the other officers except Eleazer Gedoney Deceased who was orderly Searjeant [Sergeant]. We remained there one half month and then returned.

Deponent was again ordered to join at detachment at [Nepeonoy?] under the command of Ensign John Cowl. We remained there one month and returned. Eleazer Gidney now deceased was orderly Searjeant in this company also in April one thousand seven hundred and eighty deponent was again ordered with a detachment from said company to Warwasink on the Indian frontier General Isaak Robinson now deceased commanded the company to which we were attached. We remained in service at this time one half month and then returned and deponent also saith that the militia of that part of the country to which he belonged were divided into detachments one of which from each company were in actual service during the War.

That owing to the County of Orange being allmost [almost] surround by the enemy and partly infested with Tories we were allmost continually under arms to visit the hostile incursions of the Enemy. Deponent also saith that he has not in his possession or within his power any other evidence of his services than the affidavids [affidavits] hereunto annexed and deponent also saith in answer to interrogatories specially put to him by said court that he was born in NewBurgh aforesaid in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, that he has a record of his age at home in his familly [family] Bible. That he lived in Newburg aforesaid when he entered into service as a Militia man that the names of the regular officers who were with the troops, when deponent served are set forth in preceding affidavit the Continental and Militia regiments which [which] deponent can recollect are also set forth in this affidavit and also the General Circumstances of his service that he received a verbal discharge and no other that deponent tis known to John Sniffen and Isaac Dermott who served with this deponent and also General Leonard Smith who served at the same same time and whose affidavits are hereunto annexed who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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. (Signed) William Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed this tenth day of September 1832 before me Gilbert Ogden Fowler one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for Orange County.