

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Nash R7555

Elizabeth

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State of North Carolina Granville County: On this 14 day of June 1849 Personally appeared before me the undersigned Elizabeth Nash a resident of said County aged 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress passed ~~July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 March 8<sup>th</sup> 1843, June 17<sup>th</sup> 1844~~ and February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1848, that she is the widow of John Nash deceased who died in Wake County North Carolina about thirty years ago where she was then living, and shortly after his death moved over in Granville where she has lived ever since. She states that her maiden name was Elizabeth Chambles and was married to her said husband in the County of Mecklenburg Virginia where they both lived before their marriage and about ten years after their marriage – and was platmates [?]<sup>1</sup> together and moved to the County of Wake North Carolina where he died as stated above & the declarant Distinctly recollects of her said husband going and being in actual service in the Revolutionary war and of his returning before their marriage – and was while living in said County of Mecklenburg Virginia & was gone for several years but at this time to give the precise length of his services rendered she cannot say but is very positive it was 3 years and upwards as a regular Virginia Soldier in the Continental line and that their marriage did not take place previous to the last period of his services, Neither did take place previous to the first day of January 1794 but on or about the 20 December 1795.

The declarant prays that the war Department may reflect on the nature of her claim being entire destitute of a support in this life and unable to work, may allow to her something handsome and in duty bound will ever pray (which she will rely entirely upon the generosity of that Source & the evidence she may be able to obtain she declares that her neighbors in Virginia were W. Thomas, Mr. Steward, Mr. Goode, Mr. Hernly, Capt. Hudgins & Hal Wilson – & she is yet the said John Nash's widow.

S/ Elizabeth Nash, X her Mark

Sworn to & subscribed to this 14 day of June 1849

[f p. 5: On July 27, 1853 in Mecklenburg County Virginia, Martha Harper, 84, gave testimony that during the revolutionary war she was well acquainted with John Nash the husband of Elizabeth Nash; that during the war Captain Samuel Marshall commanded a company of State Militia which camp near her home and in which company John Nash served a 6 months tour.]

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[f p. 6: On July 27, 1853 in Mecklenburg County Virginia, Wiley Nash, 70, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John Nash husband of Elizabeth Nash whose maiden name was Elizabeth Chamblis; that he recalls John Nash speaking of having served in the revolutionary war; that about the year 1804 John Nash and his wife removed to North Carolina.]

[f p. 13]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462.) that a settlement was made on the first day of February 1782 in the name of John Nash as Soldier of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £36.0.0 and [indecipherable word], delivered to himself ~~but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.~~

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1851.

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[No Seal of Office]

S/ Ro Johnston  
First Auditor

[f p. 33: On August 3, 1849 in Wake County North Carolina, Jurdon Stewart, 95, gave testimony "that he was well acquainted with John Nash of Mecklenburg County Virginia who was a regular soldier in said State during the revolutionary war that it was in said County of Mecklenburg that he joined the Army and marched to North Carolina where he has resided ever since and that the said Identical John Nash's widow was living a few months ago in this State in Granville North Carolina & that the said John Nash was in Continental service when Declarant left Mecklenburg." He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 38]

State of North Carolina Granville County

On this the first day of September A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me B. B. Hester an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County of Granville Elizabeth Nash aged ninety years a resident of said County Granville State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July the 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows and all subsequent acts. That she is the widow of John Nash who was a soldier in the American Army in the War of the Revolution that he entered the Army from his native County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia and according to her best recollection enlisted as a regular soldier during the war three years or more before the war ended and actually served to the end of the war, that she further declared that she was married to the said John Nash about the date of 1783 upon his return from an discharge from the war: that about the year 1805 we removed to the County of Wake State of North Carolina, that her husband the aforesaid John Nash died in said County of Wake about the date of 1816 and has not since married but still remains a widow.

S/ Elizabeth Nash, X her mark

[f p. 42: copy of a marriage bond dated December 16, 1795 issued in Mecklenburg County Virginia to John Nash Junior and Williamson Pattillo, bondsmen, conditioned upon the marriage of John Nash Junior to Betsy Chambers.]