

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Nichols R7644  
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State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

Personally appeared Daniel Nichols before me James M. Weatherly an acting Justice for Rutherford County and made Oath that he was personally Acquainted with Joseph Nichols and knew him to be a Soldier of the Revolutionary War under Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment of Horsemen a Tower [sic, tour] of 10 months near the Close of the War & I resided with him at that time he volunteered and remained at his residence till he returned in Rowan County North Carolina and I knew his wife Elizabeth and him to be Lawfully married but do not recollect the date of their Marriage, but knew them to live as Man & Wife for 50 years or more. Sworn to & subscribed before me on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1850.

S/ James M. Weatherly, JP

S/ Daniel Nichols, X his mark

County Court April Term 1850 [State of Tennessee, Marshall County]

This day personally appeared, in open Court, Uppamia Tomlinson, widow of Humphrey B. Tomlinson formerly Uppamia Nichols, aged Sixty-Five years, Phebe Wooton [could be Hooton or Nooton], wife of John Wooton formerly Phebe Nichols aged 52 years and Abigail Nichols aged 47 years, all citizens of Marshall County State of Tennessee, they being Children and heirs at law of Joseph Nichols, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that they together with one Elizabeth Davis wife of Andrew P. Davis formerly Elizabeth Nichols aged 54 years, a resident of Jackson County, State of Tennessee are the only living Children of the said Joseph Nichols deceased, and they further state, that their said Father as they are informed and believe the facts so to be, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and that he actually performed Military Service in defense of his Country in the Struggle for American Liberty – being at the time of his said Service a Citizen of the State of North Carolina, and their information is and they believe the facts so to be that he at the least served two campaigns, in the Revolutionary War, one of nine months and the other of 10 months one of which terms of service was in a Cavalry Company or Regiment and their information is that during the said service he was promoted to the office of Captain and that he served under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and Colonel Hampton [Wade Hampton] – they further State that their said Father departed this life in January 1826 a citizen of Rutherford County Tennessee and that their Mother Elizabeth Nichols died on or about the year 1835 in said County of Rutherford – that their said Father and Mother did not in their lifetime and never applied for or Received any pension from the United States on account of the Service of their said Father in any way whatever and therefore they seek to receive any monies or pension from the United States that is or was due their said Father, for his Revolutionary Service and they further state that they have heard their Father speak of the matter, and gave as a reason why he did not so apply for a pension for his said service was that

he had Lost or mislaid his discharge or discharges, and that they believed that their said mother was ignorant of her Rights and therefore she did not apply, and that their said Father was, an old and infirm man, afflicted with Rheumatism, and could not get about for many years before his death, and that they, his children have never made any other application for any monies, that is or was, do their said Father at the time of his death on account of his Revolutionary Services.

Sworn to in open Court this first day of April 1850

S/ John Elliott, Clerk

S/ Uphamia Tomlinson

S/ Phebe Hooton, X her mark

S/ Abigal Nichols

[The above is certified by the clerk of court as being a true copy of the proceedings held in the court of Marshall County Tennessee.]

[p 5 is an image of Joseph Nichols' last will and testament in which he names his wife, Elizabeth, daughters, Jane, Phebe, Levinia and Abigail Nichols; son Joshua Nichols; daughter Eupharnia Tomlinson; son, Jonathan Nichols; daughter, Elizabeth Davis. The will is dated November 11, 1824.]