

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Nichols R7648

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State of Tennessee } On this the 20th day of January 1838 personally appeared before me Robert S
Hardin County } Church an acting Justice of the peace in and for Hardin County John Nichols
aged 86 years who after being 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 the 7th 1832
that he entered the service of the united states as a Volunteer in the fall of the year 1777 and served under
the Command of Captain Reuben White of Colonel Charles McDowels [sic: Charles McDowell's]
Regiment that he served six months at that time some times in a fort called whites fort and some times he
with the Company acted as indian spies that he lived in burke County north Carolina at that time Rec'd
pay as an indian spie from William White who acted as pay master in that part of the State. He also
Volunteered for a three months tower under Captain Joseph White of Burke County and Colonel
McDowels Regiment and marched into South Carolina and joined the army under General [Benjamin]
Lincoln and that the company to which he belonged was transfered into Colonel Malmada's [sic:
Marquis Francis de Malmedy's] Regiment as a Rifle company that during this tower he was Engaged in
a skirmish with the British pickets at a place called ponpon [probably early 20 Jun 1779] that they Drove
the pickets an he was also in the atact at Stono and the americans was forced to Retreat from the british
works [Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779] that he was Discharged from this tower of Service by
General Lincoln and rec'd pay for the same from William Lewis pay master and he was also some time
after this Engaged in garding the prisoners taken in the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] that he was
still under Captain Joseph White the Date of these of the two towers not recolected & he has lost all his
papers and is a man of no lerning and his memory not good in consequence of old age and the length of
time since he was in the service. that he has no papers to show the Date of such service and knows of no
person who can testify to his service He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity
Except the present and Declares his name is not on the Pension role of the agency of any State

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1st Where and in what year were you born

I was Born in the State of Maryland in the year 1752

2nd Have you any Record of your age

None at present though my father kept a family Record

3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolution war and
where do you now live

I was living in Burke County During the war and from thence Removed to the State of Kentucky and
from thence to the State of Tennessee and now live in hardin county State of Tennessee

4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you Volunteer were you a substitute and if a
substitute for whom

I Volunteered Each tower I served

5th State the names of some of Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such
Continental and millittia regiments as you can recolect and the general Circumstances of your service
I can only recolect the names of Colonel Malmada who Comanded the Regiment to which I belonged
when our company Joined General Lincoln in South Carolina and Colonel [William] Henderson and
Colonel Lital [sic: Archibald Lytle] what kind of troops they Comanded not recolected they also
belonged to Lincoln arney and the most particular circumstances that I can recolect were Driving the
British pickets at ponpon and the atact on the British at Stono and of our Being Repulsed from the walls
[of the redoubts]

6th Did you Ever Receive a Discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has
become of it

I rec'd a Discharge or Certificate from Colonel McDowel for six months service and one from General Lincoln for a three month tower and if the pay masters before [illegible word] Did not keep them they have been Destroyed

7th State the names of some persons in your present neighbourhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their Belief of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution

Elisha Pack minister of the gospel there is Jesse T Thomson and Jonathan R Pickens

NOTE: Nichols's claim was suspended for further proof of his militia service. No further information is available.