

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Nichols R7654

Martha Nichols f18NC

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State of South Carolina, Sumter County

On this the 1st day of May in the year of all Lord 1844 personally appeared before me William Lewis Judge of the Court of Ordinary and Probate for said District Martha Nichols a resident of the United States in the District of Sumter and State of South Carolina aged eighty years by character well known to me and of strict veracity 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 4th 1836 and the several acts supplemental thereto.

That she is the widow of William Nichols who was a private Soldier in the 10th Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by what Colonel she does not know, in the company of Captain Rhodes [Joseph T Rhodes] as appears by a certificate of William Hill Secretary of the State of North Carolina hereto annexed. That he entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer and not as a substitute on the first day of August in the year of all Lord 1782 and what engagement he was in she does not know.

That he resided in the County of Anson and State of North Carolina when he enlisted and that he continued in the service until the Close of the war when he was discharged by whom this deponent does not know, and that she has no documentary evidence in support of her declaration except that annexed. She further declares that she was married to the said William Nichols in the year of our Lord 1783 and on the __ day of June.

That her husband the aforesaid William Nichols died on the fourth day of November in the year of all Lord 1823 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed and substantiated before William Lewis Judge of a Court of record as aforesaid, and she further declares that she has received no pension from the United States.

Sworn and Subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ William Lewis, Judge

S/ Martha Nichols, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of Statements

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that William Nichols a private Soldier of Captain Rhodes Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 1st August 1782 for the term of 18 months.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of November 1843

S/ Wm Hill

[John Alexander, James Rembert and Abel Dixon gave supporting affidavits regarding the reputation of Nichols as soldier of the revolution and marriage of Martha Pool to William Nichols in 1783 by Rev'd Lewis Collins, a Baptist preacher.]

[p 10: Power of attorney given by David Nichols for pursuit of money due his mother, Martha Nichols; PA dated May 26, 1853. He signed the document with his mark.]