

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Nicholson S16989

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State of Missouri } County Court May Term 1833
County of St Francois } Sct On this [blank] day of May in the year eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before William Murphy presiding Justice and Thomas Hale & George W Robinson Justices, composing and holding said court, William Nicholson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged between seveny eight and seveny nine years (will be seveny seveny nine the tenth of this month May) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of congress passed June Seventh 1832. He states that he was a regular soldier of the revolution, that he enlisted, for three years or during the war, in Carlisle in the state of Pennsylvania in February or March in the year 1781 under Colonel Butler, and he thinks Hamilton was his major. he entered Capt St Johns company, St Johns resigned and Irvin commanded as Captain afterward til he was discharged. Mulligan[?] was his Lieutenant Marched from Carlisle under General [Anthony] Wayne for Little York Virginia, had a skirmish at the burnt Ornary [sic: Burnt Ordinary = Byrd's Ordinary, 8 mi NW of Williamsburg], then was at the battle of Jamestown [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], then at Cornwallis Surrender [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], at the battle of Jamestown Wayne retreated & marched on the ground again the next day, being reenforced by General Lafayette after the surrender of Cornwallis, he marched to join General [Nathanael] Greene in South Carolina at Edesto [sic: Edisto] saw mills, then sent to draw the British out of Dorchester, Bacon bridge and did so, then marched to Mulberry grove [N of Port Wentworth] near Savannah in Georgia, there orders were given for the troops to go to James Island near charleston, there he remained til the British left Charleston [14 Dec 1782], and at that place I got my discharge signed by General Greene and obtained for me by Doctors Alephons & Reed my discharge was dated the last of December 1782. and I have lost it. During the whole of his service he served as a Private and his service was exclusively for his country without intermission from the time of his enlistment aforesaid to the time of his discharge I never drew but one months pay for my service. He relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension list of any agency in any state.

William hisXmark Nicholson

Interrogatories

1 Where and in what year were you born

Ans'r. I was born in Carlisle Couny Pennsylvania, in [one or two undeciphered words] in the year 1754

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans'r I have none.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live? Ans'r. in Carlisle Couny Pennsylvania I was living. Since the war I have lived in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and am now living in St Francois Couny state of Missouri.

4 How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute. Ans'r I enlisted as stated before.

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served: such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services. Ans'r. General Wayne. Col. [Josiah] Harmar. Butler, of the Pennsylvania line. [Thomas] Posey of the Virginia line. [John] Stewart of the Maryland line. Major Hamilton & Edwards, Continental Regiments the then[?] & [undeciphered word]. the circumstances I could [undeciphered word] in addition to my statement, but they are inconsiderable.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it Ans'r. I make the same statement to this as in my statement.

7. State the names of those to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify to

your character for veracity & their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution. Ans'r. John Horton and the Reverend James Halbert of the Baptist order.