

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Nicholson ¹ S31882

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State of Georgia, County of Hall } SS

On this fifth day of November 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before Thomas T. Tate, John Nichols and Samuel Finley Justices of the Court of Ordinary now sitting John Nicholson a resident of said County of Hall and State of Georgia aged Seventy years who being first 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers – under General Caswell [Richard Caswell] and in a company commanded by Captain John White and under said command at General Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780],--

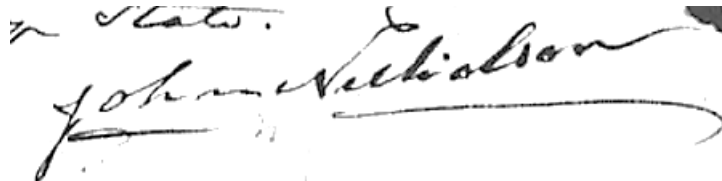
Afterwards under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in a campaign commanded by Captain Norsworthy [George Nasworthy] and was under said command at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] --

Afterwards under Colonel Linton [William Thomas Linton of Nash County NC] –

And afterwards under Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] in a company commanded by Captain Cox [William Cox]. That at the time he entered the service he resided in Bute County in the State of North Carolina and entered as a Substitute – each time – and all his service was done in the State of North Carolina and in the State of South Carolina-- that he served twelve months altogether and was discharged first on the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] in the State of North Carolina – secondly at Colonel Ramsey's Mill in the fork of Haw [River] and Deep River in North Carolina-- thirdly near Tarborough in North Carolina – and fourthly on Tennessee River in North Carolina – that his discharges are lost – that he has no documentary evidence – that he knows no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed this fifth day of November 1832.

S/ John Nicholson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Nicholson". Above the signature, the words "in State" are written in a smaller, less legible cursive hand. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ John Nichols, J.I.C.

[James Whitten, a clergyman, and Jacob Eberhart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatories by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – in formerly Bute now Warren County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1763

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

Answer – I have at home

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Bute County State of North Carolina when called into service – and have lived in North Carolina and South Carolina since the revolution, and now live in Georgia

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I entered the service as a substitute each time without any pay from those in whose place I entered.

I am known to the Reverend James Whitten a Baptist clergyman of Hall County, in the State of Georgia.

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Georgia, Hall County} Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of ___ John Nicholson who being duly Sworn Deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot Swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he Served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For the year 1779 or 1780 he cannot say positively which I served three months as a private Soldier under Captain John White & Colonel Eaton [Thomas Eaton] and was at the defeat of General Gates. For the following year I served as a private Soldier two tours of duty three months each and the next year I served one tour of three months & for such services I claim a pension.

I was Seventy-One years of age the first of the present month agreeably to the register made by my father.

Generals Gates & Greene were regular officers who were with the troops where I served two tours of duty one tour with each. I do not recollect the names or numbers of any of the Continental or Militia regiments.

I received four discharges first from Captain White, the second from Captain Fluwallen [Howard Flewellen] (who succeeded Captain Norsworthy), the third from Colonel Linton & the fourth from Colonel Sevier all of which are lost, believing they would never be worth anything. I was not engaged in any civil pursuit during my time of Service;

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of May 1833.

S/ Jno. M. McAfee, JIC

S/ John Nicholson

[p 9: On March 26, 1855 while living in Union County, Georgia John Nicholson filed for his bounty land entitlement.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia.]