

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Nichols S32414

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Orange County, State of Indiana} SS

On this 25th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Circuit for the County aforesaid now sitting Joshua Nichols a resident of the County of Orange aforesaid in the State aforesaid aged Seventy-five 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, that is to say, he entered the service of the United States as a private under the command of one Captain Nichols [Jacob Nichols] who was the father of the applicant and served as herein stated that is to say the said Captain Nichols was attached to a Brigade of Militia commanded by one General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] of the Militia. That he entered the service of the United States as a militia man and private under the command of the said Captain Nichols in the County of Roan [sic Rowan] in the State of North Carolina. That he marched from the Town of Salisbury in the County and State aforesaid to the town of Camden in the State of South Carolina from thence he was marched to Moncks Corner near the City or Town of Charleston in the said State of South Carolina; from Moncks Corner applicant was marched to the Town of Dodridge [sic] from thence he was marched to the bank of the Savannah River where the troops encamped upwards of one month. That he was afterwards attached to a corps commanded by General Ash [sic, John Ashe]; having served a short time under the command of General Ashe, he was engaged in Battle against the enemy at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]¹ in which Battle General Ashe was defeated. That after the Battle of Briar Creek he was permitted to rejoin a company of the said Captain Nichols who under the command of General Rutherford marched back to the former place of encampment to the bank of Savannah River where he was (together with the company to which he belonged) dismissed by his commanding officer from further service without a written discharge he having failed to make application for one. He, this applicant, having served during this Tour of duty the term of six months. That he again entered the service of the United States as a private under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That is to say he entered the service aforesaid as a volunteer under the command of one Captain William Alexander [sic, John Reid] whose company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Poage [Lt. Col. William Polk][sic, Lt. Col. Wade Hampton] whose Regiment was attached to a Brigade or Division commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. That he entered the service last aforesaid in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina. That he was rendezvoused at Mecklenburg Court House in the said County of Mecklenburg in the said State of North Carolina. That he was marched from thence to the

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

Congaree River in the State of South Carolina at a place called Friday's Ferry; from thence he was marched to Orangeburg where he was engaged in Battle² against the enemy and assisted in taking and reducing a Fort which was then occupied and defended by the British and Tories; from Orangeburg he was marched to Cooper River and was there again in an engagement against the enemy at a place called the Strawberry Plains³ in direction to a place called Ninety Six from thence he was marched to the Fish dam on Broad River where he was marched to the Army commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. Applicant remained with the Army of General Greene and marched with his Army to the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]⁴ in the State of South Carolina where a severe and bloody Battle was fought in which applicant was engaged in; while engaged [he] received a slight wound in the right foot by reason of a musket Ball which foot and the scar upon it is here produced in Court. That applicant after the Battle of Eutaw Springs was placed in an Hospital at Friday's Ferry on the Congaree River under the care of one Dr. Litel having after sometime recovered of the aforesaid wound he was reported fit for duty and again joined the Army to which he belonged. That he was marched from the hospital at Friday's Ferry on the Congaree to Beach Island on the Savannah River. He was marched from thence to Ebenezer, a small town on the Savannah River in the State of Georgia where applicant received a written discharge from his said Captain for ten months service and that applicant again entered the service of the United States as a leader of a company of volunteers and having received his company of volunteers some short time previous to the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780].⁵ That he raised and rendezvoused said company of volunteers in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina [several illegible words written over] mission for that purpose the company having consented to make him their leader owing to his knowledge, skill and experience in military tactics and movements. That applicant took up the line of march as leader of said volunteers in the said County of Rowan and marched in direction to Kings Mountain near which he met General Campbell [sic, Colonel William Campbell of the Virginia militia] at the Head of a division and attached himself to his command. That being kindly received and well treated by General Campbell who was one of the most zealous patriots and enterprising officers of those times, applicant marched with the said General Campbell to Kings Mountain where a severe and Bloody Battle ensued between General Campbell, Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Col. Williams [James Williams] & Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] on the part of the Americans and Colonel Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] on the part of the British troops in which engagement the enemy was defeated and Ferguson slain. Applicant states that in this last mentioned battle he received by means of a musket shot from the enemy a slight wound in the right shoulder which said wound is now here shown to the Court and that after the Battle of Kings Mountain and the company of volunteers to which he belonged received from General Campbell a verbal discharge from further service and without any written discharge whatsoever (no application being made for any) having been in the service of the United States during this Tour of duty the term of one month. That applicant was born in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina on the 10th day of July 1758 according to a Bible kept by his father in which the name and birth of the applicant appears duly registered and which said Bible has been transmitted to applicant and is now in his possession. That applicant resided in Rowan County North Carolina about 50 years. That he removed from the state of North Carolina to Rutherford County in the State of Tennessee where he resided from four years. That he removed from thence to the Territory now the State of Indiana in the year 1810 his residence

² May 11, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html

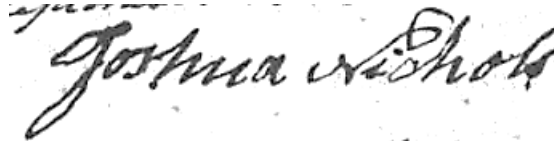
³ July 16, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_strawberry_ferry.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

being in the County of Knox at that time but now in the County of Orange in the State of Indiana, the counties since the formation of the State Government having been divided and that he yet resides in the County of Orange in the State of Indiana and that the only written discharge he ever received for services was from Captain William Alexander & that said discharge has been lost or mislaid many years ago. That he is known in the neighborhood where he resides by Ephraim Doan [?], Jonathan Braxton and Joshua Freeman [?] who doth testify to his character for veracity and truth and that he has always been reputed as a soldier of the revolution. That he has now no Documentary evidence in his possession; that he knows of no person who can testify to his services; 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 the agency of any state. Subscribed and sworn to on the 25th day of September 1833.

S/ Joshua Nichols



Sworn to in open court September 25, 1833.

S/ Jno. McVay, Clk

[Henry Brooks, a clergyman, and Zachariah Lindley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Indiana, Orange County

On this 20th day of January A.D. 1836 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County of Orange personally appeared Joshua Nichols who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain William Alexander in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel William Polk in the Service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Indiana that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War which certificate on or about the 30th day of September last past in the County of Orange near the Town of Paoli was destroyed by fire which consumed the dwelling house of this affiant's Son, and much of the household goods therein contained – and which occurred owing to some accident during the absence of some persons of the family.

S/ Joshua Nichols, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the North Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to Joshua Nichols

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 5509

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Gentlemen

Please deliver to Mr. John Reed the Indents which are due to me for my clothing & service in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment State Brigade South Carolina
December 29, 1786

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

S/ Joshua Nichols



[p 3: Printed form of Indent No. 191 Book M dated first of October 1784 “delivered to Mr. Joshua Nichols late Private in Reid’s [John Reid’s] Troop, W. Hampton’s [Lt. Col. Wade Hampton’s] Regiment Sumpter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]

[p 4: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the South Carolina Treasury, John Reid, Augustus Merrick, Nicholas John Wightman, Filby Merrick and the veteran as follows:

I do hereby Assign the full Amount of the principal and Interest now due, and which shall be due hereafter on the within Indent or Certificate to Nich^s Jno Wightman his Heirs Executors and Assigns for ever. Value Received
this 12th day of December 1787

Witness

Augustus Merrick

S/ Joshua Nicholls

