

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willibe Nichols S32415

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State of Indiana, Carroll County }

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable John Carey – Probate Judge for said County of Carroll, being a Court of Record according to the laws & Constitution of Indiana Willibe Nichols, a resident of said County of Carroll, 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he the said Willibe Nichols was born in Pasquotank County in the State of North Carolina on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1732. That he has a record of his age in his family Bible which is extracted from the family Bible of his father and in the handwriting of his father. That in the month of July in the year 1780 he entered into the Service of the United States as a volunteer in his native County of Pasquotank in a company commanded by Captain Henry Farbush, in the Battalion under Major McIntosh upon whom the command of the Regiment devolved on account of the sickness of the Colonel, whose name is not now recollected by deponent, and that said Regiment belonged to the division or brigade commanded by General Arlington – that he, with his company were marched out of the State of North Carolina and to the borders of South Carolina and thence onto the Pedee River, where he continued about three months. That he was thence marched back into Pasquotank County where he received his regular discharge having continued in the service of his Country exactly five months. He was engaged in various skirmishes at divers places, tho' there was no general engagement worthy of record. He recollects of hearing of the defeat at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] about four weeks after his entering the service and while skirmishing upon the borders of the two States. He also distinctly recollects the names of several of his fellow soldiers in the campaign of Farrow Sawyer, of John Kennedy, Cornelius Lamb &c. That afterwards, to wit, in the month of March 1781 next ensuing the above service, he again entered the service of the United States in Norfolk County in the State of Virginia, as a Substitute for a certain Joel Sawyer in a company commanded by Captain Rufus Williams in Major Davis' Battalion belonging to Colonel Doshier's [Peter Dauge's] Regiment under General Isaac Gregory's command. That he served in said company as a Sergeant for the space of three months and then received his regular discharge in the month of June. That at this time he was engaged in the defense of the borders of Virginia and North Carolina having been marched from Norfolk County, to which place he was returned where he received his regular discharge – Peter McDaniel, Thomas Leek, Jonathan Williams, John Cartwright, John Wood, James Jackson &c were among his fellow soldiers.

That in the last of August after the said service he again entered the service of the United States in the same County of Norfolk and the State of Virginia as a Substitute for a certain John Wood in Captain Doshier's [Peter Dauge Jr.'s] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Doshier & belonging to the command of a General Gregory. Was engaged in the defense of the

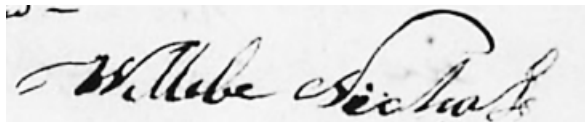
borders of North Carolina and Virginia had various skirmishes though not worthy of particular mention or record – at this last entering of the Service it was for three months, as a Substitute for said Wood, but only served two of them on account of the termination of the War and restoration of peace after the battle at York Town [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] – Willis Ethenrage [Willis Etheridge?], William Evans, Asa Kelley, William Merridy [William Meredith?] &c fellow Soldiers – and that he was marched back into Norfolk County where he received his regular discharge on or about the first of November 1781. Deponent further states that these three several discharges have all been lost or mislaid not deeming them at the time of sufficient value for preservation and as he has long since removed from the scene of his Nativity and former friendships, he is unable to procure any documentary evidence whatever, nor is he at this advanced age acquainted with any person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services. Deponent further states that all his discharges were signed by and delivered to him by his respective captains above named – that he was not employed in any civil pursuit during his said terms of service or any of them. That in the year 1815 – deponent removed from Pasquotank to Davidson County in North Carolina where he resided 11 years – from Davidson County he removed to Tennessee near Knoxville and Knox County where he resided three years – from thence he removed to Carroll County in the State of Indiana in the month of December 1829 where he has since that time resided and still continues to reside. He is acquainted with Samuel Milroy, H. Chase, Thomas Gillem, William George, Daniel Bowen [could be Bourn], Thomas Sterling &c who can testify to his credibility & their belief in his revolutionary 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ D. F. Vandeventer, Clk

S/ Willebe Nichols

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Willebe Nichols". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[James Crawford, a clergyman, Samuel Milroy & Henry Chase gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and as a Sergeant for 3 months in the North Carolina militia.]