

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Nicholson S38263

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State of Virginia & County of Isle of Wight. S. S.

I Robert Nicholson a Citizen of the County and State aforesaid, do declare under oath, that I entered into the service of the United States in the land service and Army thereof on the 19th of April 1777 in the County of Perquimans in the State of North Carolina. That I entered as Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain Isaac Moore 10th North Carolina Regiment North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepherd. That this Regiment was embodied at Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina and marched from thence to head quarters at the Valley Forge. That the Regiment arrived at head quarters at the close of the year 1777 or in the beginning of the year 1778, at which time the Regiment was divided between, and amalgamated with the first and second North Carolina Regiments. That I was attached to the first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Clark. That on the 10th day of March 1779 by a commission duly executed signed by his Excellency John Jay esq. as President of the Congress of the United States of America at Philadelphia and in the third year of our Independence and attested by P. Scull Secretary of the board of War I was appointed Lieutenant in the first North Carolina Regiment State line of North Carolina, in the Army of the United States to take Rank as such from the 19th day of April 1777 as will more fully appear from the said original commission hereto annexed and prayed to be taken as a part of this declaration. That I remained in the Army of the United States in the said Service of the United States in the revolutionary War from the said 19th day of April 1777 until June 25, 1779 at which time I obtained a regular discharge from the Military Service of the United States as will appear from the certificate on the back of said commission hereto annexed and above referred to Signed by Alexander Hamilton Aid De Camp dated at Head quarters New Windsor. I further declare that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of Assistance from my Country for support. I further declare under oath that no pension has heretofore been allowed me by the laws of the United States.

S/ Robert Nicholson

At a Court continued and held for Isle of Wight County the second day of June A.D. 1818.

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District of Virginia Isle of Wight County SS:

On this 5th day of February 1821, personally appeared in open Court at the February term of said County of Isle of Wight it being a Court of record by legislative enactment, Robert Nicholson aged Sixty-four years, resident in Southampton County in the State of Virginia aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War that he entered as Lieutenant in Captain Isaac Moore's Company 19th of

April 1777 in the 10th North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Abram Shepherd and some time in the same year was transferred to the first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Clark, that he made his original declaration and the 2 June 1818 and the number of his pension Certificate is 5918 and moreover, I the said Robert Nicholson do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

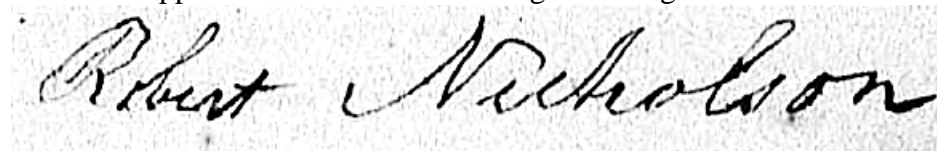
1 Bible, 1 Testament, Pilgrims Progress, six old books \$10.

1 Pocket Knife – debt due from Benjamin Barlow for \$22

debt due from John Urquhart \$50 from which is to be deducted \$33 due to Willis Grace – this declarant is at this time occupied in teaching two or three small Children and resides in the family of Mr. John Urquhart – his eye sight fails him very much and that he cannot keep much longer to pursue his present employment and that he has none of his family with him, but a daughter in distress.

S/ Robert Nicholson

[p 10: On February 21, 1827 in Washington County the veteran applied for a new pension certificate having lost his when he lost his trunk containing the certificate and other effects. This document appears to have contained his genuine signature as follows

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Robert Nicholson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[p 13 is a printed form commission appointing Robert Nicholson, Gentlemen, as a lieutenant in the first North Carolina Regiment of the Continental line of effective might team April 1777 and signed by John Jay.

On the reverse of the commission, in very faint ink is what appears to be a discharge signed by “Alex Hamilton, Aid De Camp” dated in June of 1779.

Robert
Scholar is now pensioned in his com-
pensation with the Army of the United
States
Lieutenant
June 2, 1818

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing June 2, 1818, for service as a Lieutenant for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]