

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Nichols S38264

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Virginia.

At a Court held for the County of Pittsylvania on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1821 personally appeared in open Court, Charles Nichols aged 68 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 – that he the said Charles Nichols enlisted for the term of one year on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1775 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. William Campbell in the regiment commanded by Colo Isaac Reid [sic: Isaac Read] in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment that the continued to serve in the said corps until the term of his enlistment had expired, when he enlisted a second time in the company commanded by Alexander Cummins [VAS1730] who was then a Lieutenant & the only officer in the same Company, the others having resigned, but who was shortly after commissioned a capt [June 1778] attached to the same Company and Regiment – that he continued to served in the last mentioned Corps until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1779 when he was discharged from the said service at Ramapo in the state of New Jersey. and that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & that he has no other evidence now in his power of said service. And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1820 I solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 whatever —  
I am by occupation a Carpenter, but by reason of the infirmities of age am unable to pursue it – my family consists of four persons One daughter Rebecca aged 16 a son George aged 12 years my wife aged 56 yrs. and myself  
Charles hisXmark Nichols

Virginia SS:

At a court held for the County of Pittsylvania on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1823 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of Record having unlimited common law jurisdiction for the said County, Charles Nicholls, aged seventy years, & resident in the said County, who first being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, & the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, in addition to the declaration made before the said Court on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1821, hereto annexed. That the regiment in which he enlisted was the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment of Infantry in which he served first for one year, and afterwards for three years – and that the month in which he enlisted he does not recollect – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit of Gen’l. Joel Leftwich [S8830] of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia, sent herewith.

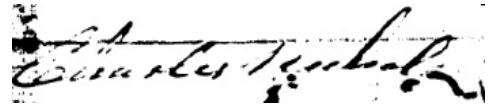
And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. towit One House Pig[?] of the value of half a dollar . . . \$0.50

An old scythe & cradle . . . . .	2.
2 old hoes . . . . .	1.
2 old chisels . . . . .	.50
and old handsaw . . . . .	1.50
a dutch oven, [two illegible words] & pot hooks . . .	1.
a round shave, trowell & some wooden vessels . . .	<u>1.50</u>
	\$8.0

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to Certify that Charles Nichols a soldier in the first Virg'a Reg't has faithfully serv'd the full time of his inlistment in the army of the united States which Commenced on the first day of August 1776 and ended on the first day of Aug't 1779 being three years Service – Given under my hand this First day of Aug't Anno Domini 1779 P. Mulenberg BG [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850]  
a True Copy H. Randolph

[The file also includes a mostly illegible assignment of the land warrant signed as shown:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Nichols", written over a horizontal line. The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and difficult to decipher.