

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Malachi Nickens S41925

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State of North Carolina, Hertford County SS } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for said
County at the Court house in Winton on the 4th Monday of November A.D. 1821

On this 30th day of November A. D. 1821 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record for the County aforesaid and proceeding according to the Course of the common law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings and having the power of fine and imprisonment) Malachi Nickens aged fifty-Six years resident of the County of Hertford aforesaid, who being first 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 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820, that he the said Malachi Nickens enlisted for the term of twelve months on or about the 19th day of May in 1781 in the County of Hertford, North Carolina, in the company commanded by [several words obliterated] Anders or Andrews, and was mustered a few days thereafter at Salisbury, North Carolina, in the Company commanded by Captain William Carter, under whom he served as a private soldier until the 19th of May 1782 and also until the termination of the War, in the Regiment, at one time commanded by Colonel Shepherd and afterwards by Colonel Armsrong [sic, Armstrong] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to Serve in the said Corps, in the Service of the United States, until the expiration of the twelve months for which he enlisted, and also until the termination of the war, when he was honorably discharged from the said Service, in the town of Wilmington, North Carolina: -- that he was in the battles at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and at a place called, Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781], in South Carolina, and at a battle, with the Indians, upon the Savannah River. -- that he has no other evidence then that hereunto annexed whereby to prove his said Services --And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I 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: viz:

1 Pine Chest	4 setting chairs	1 small table
2 axes	2 Hoes	1 drawing Knife
1 hand saw	1 Augur	1 Frow
1 Iron pot	1 spider	a few knives and forks only
only a few earthen plates	2 pewter dishes	1 Feather Bed only
and some necessary wearing apparel		

The said Malachi Nickens further saith that he is a common day laborer without a trade – that he is at times afflicted with the rheumatism and has a rising upon his thigh which sometimes renders him incapable of labor. His family is composed of himself, his wife Margaret aged 2? [last digit obliterated] years able to contribute to her support – and a child aged about 17 months named Manuel Mufree. The said Malachi saith that he lives in a small and very indifferent Log house upon land belonging to Jesse Yeates in the said County of Hertford.

Sworn to and Subscribed by the said Malachi Nickens in open Court this 30th day of November A.D. 1821.

Test: S/ Jos. F. Dickenson, Clk

S/ Malachi Nickens, X his mark

By S/ L. M. Cooper

James Smith of said County aged about 61 years appeared in open court and made oath that he the said James Smith was a Soldier in the revolutionary war in the Army of the United States for the whole war, that he was then acquainted with Malachi Nickens who makes the foregoing declaration in order to obtain a pension; that the said Malachi served in the Army of the United States against the Common enemy with this deponent – that he well remembers seeing the said Malachi Nickens in the said service in the month of May 1782 and many times previous thereto and verily believes he continued in said service for and during the term of his enlistment. This deponent has been acquainted with the said Malachi ever since and knows nothing to his prejudice.

S/ James Smith, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed by the said James Smith in open Court this 30th day of November 1821.

Test: S/ Jos. F. Dickenson, CC

By S/ L. M. Cooper

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 21st of August 1821

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, at Malachi Nickens a private in Captain Carter's Company of the 10th Regiment (of which Abraham Sheppard was Colonel) was mustered on the 19th May 1781 and that his time was out on the 19th May 1782, he having enlisted for 12 months.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 30, 1821, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]