

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Nicken S5830 VA Navy
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State of Virginia }
Lancaster County } SS

On this 17th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the County Court of Lancaster County now sitting, Richard Nicken resident of Lancaster County, state of Virginia aged Eight two 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers & served as herein stated, that he inlisted in the County of Lancaster in the state of Virginia under Thomas Pollard as a private in the Virginia state navy during the war of the Revolution, He cannot say what year, from Lancaster he went to Hampton Virginia with Capt. Pollard. he there went on board the Gally Hero, Capt Chamberlin [sic: Philip Chamberlayne, pension application R22], the Hero was stationed in the Hampton Roads and on the Contiguous Coast, he served Eighteen months on board the Hero, was removed to the ship Tempest of 16 guns commanded by Capt [Celey] Saunders on board of which vessel (The Tempest) he was Eighteen months, after which he was discharged at Chickahominy ship yard by Leut. True[?] who had the Command of the yard when the said vessel (The Tempest) was laid up. his discharge has been mislaid or lost. He was not in any regular battle but in frequent skirmishes. he has no documentary evidence. he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure as to his service. He has always resided in Lancaster & Northumberland Counties, excepting his service in the navy.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Richard hisXmark Nicken

[The following are among [pension claims in the Library of Virginia](#):]

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Virginia do hereby constitute & appoint Thomas Carter esq'r of the same county and state my true and lawful. attorney for me and in my name to apply for and receive a warrant on the treasury for the sum of Fifty dollars which was by a law of the last session of the Legislature of the said state allowed me for my present relief And my receipt or discharge executed by my said attorney therefor shall be as effectual as if executed by me in proper person. Witness my hand & sea this 20th day of March 1820

Signed sealed &

Richard Nicken

Virginia Lancaster County Court August 20th 1821

Ordered that it be certified that Richard Nicken who served in the Navy during the Revolutionary War, and to whom a pension hath been allowed by the State is living and is the same Richard Nicken, on whose motion this order is made

A Copy/ Attest/ B. M. Walker Cl

[The state file contains numerous documents similar to the above, the last dated 18 May 1835.

NOTE: The 1810 federal census of Lancaster County lists Rich'd Nicken as head of a household of free persons of color.