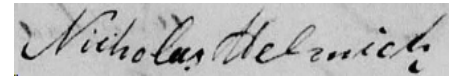


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nicholas Helmick W489                      Sarah Helmick                      VA  
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District of the State of Ohio } Ss  
Wayne County                      } On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July anno Domini 1818 before me the subscriber One  
of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas for said County  
personally Came Nicholas Helmick of said County aged fifty eight years who being by me first duly  
sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provission  
made by the late 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" that he the said Nicholas Helmick enlisted in  
Winchester in the State of Virginia on or about the month of September A.D. 1777 in a Company  
Commanded by Capt. John Chapman [pension application R13115], in the Regiment Commanded by  
Colonel Crocket [sic: Col. Joseph Crockett's Western Battalion], of the Virginia line and that he continued  
to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States for the term of three years and nine months  
that he was discharged at the Mud Garrison [at present Shepherdsville] in the State of Kentucky & that he  
has lost his discharge

And further the said Nicholas Helmick saith that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in  
need of the assistance of his Country for support.



[A letter accompanying the following declaration states that the above claim was rejected for reasons  
unknown.]

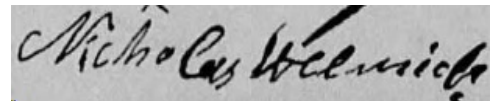
17 Oct 1831

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the releif of certain surviving officers and  
soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828, I Nicholas Helmick of Norton, in  
the County of Medina, in the State of Ohio, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the  
Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at  
which period I was a private in Captain John Chapman's Company, in Colonel Crockett's Regiment of the  
Virginia Line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, to  
which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1778 and that my discharge, with  
other papers, was consumed in the burning of the house in which I resided some years since. And I  
further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of March, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States  
[signed] Nicholas Helmick

State of Ohio }  
Wayne County }

On this third day of September AD 1832 personally appeared before the Supreme Court now  
sitting at Wooster in and for the County of Wayne and State of Ohio Nicholas Helmick a residant of the  
Township of Chippiwa [sic: Chippewa] in the County of Wayne and state of Ohio aged seventy 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 provission made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832  
That he enlisted in the Arme[y] of the United States in the year 1777 as near as he can now recolect for the  
term of three years or during the war and served in the Virginia Miliatry line under the following named  
officers Colonel Crocket Captain John Chapman and Ensign [Rice] Bullock that He resided at the time of  
his enlistment at Winchester in the state of Virginia This deponant after he enlisted was stationed for

about eighteen months at Albemarl Barracks in the state of Virginia [sic: Albemarle Barracks; see endnote] that some time in the Fall of 1778 or 1777 [sic: 1781] as near as he can now recolet He marched under the Command of Captain John Chapman as a guard over the British and Heshian prisenorrs from Albemarl in Virginian to Fredericktown in Maryland where the prisenorrs were left and this deponant was marched from thence to Shepherdstown on the Patomic [sic: Potomac] River where this deponant and the rest of the Company were Billited among the inhabitants, and remained during the Winter That Earley in the Spring of 1780 or 1781 [1781] as near as this deponant can now recolet He marched with his company to the New Store [now Elizabeth] within about twelve miles of Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania where he joined the army Commanded by General George Clark [George Rogers Clark] and descended the Ohio River with the army as far as Wheeling in Virginia where the army was landed [23 May] and joined by a body of malitia under the Command of Col Laughy [sic: Col Archibald Lochry] as this deponant believes This deponant lift Wheeling with the main Army and decended the Ohio River as far as the Falls of Ohio [present Louisville KY] where he was stationed during the fall and part of the winter following. this deponant was informed that shortly after the Armeey left Wheeling, one of the boats commanded by Colonel Laughy sprung a leak which caused it to fall in the rear of the Armeey, and was attacked by the Indians, Colonel Laughry killed and his detachment defeated [24 Aug 1781]; that shortley after this deponant arrived at the Falls of Ohio Capt John Chapman was killed by the Indians [2 Sep 1781] and Ensign Bullock assumed the command of the company who late in the Fall of 1780 or 1781 marched the company as far as mud fort on Salt River in the State of Kentuckey where sometime in the winter following Ensign Bullock gave this deponant a written discharge from the army of the United States. That this deponant put his discharge into the possession, of one, Mrs. Grundy for safe keeping; that shortley afterwards Mrs Grundy's House was consumed by fire, and his discharge with it and this deponant Hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declairs that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state Sworn to and subscribed in open Court Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1832



[The following is among the [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#):]

To his Excellency [blank] Governor of the State of Virginia

Your Petitioner Nicholas Helmick of the County of Hancock and State of Ohio, respectfully represents to your Excellency, that about the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy six, he enlisted in the army of the Revolution as a Soldier in the Virginia line at Winchester in said State of Virginia for the term of three years or during the war, under one Captain John Chapman, and was to have received for his services the sum of seven hundred & fifty dollars and two hundred acres of Bounty Land. Your petitioner further represents, that he faithfully served as a soldier in said troop, three years and nine months and was honourably discharged at the mud garrison on Salt River in the State of Kentucky, and has not received for his services as stipulated at the time of his enlistment any bounty Land whatever.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Excellency will favorably consider and allow the claim of your petitioner to the two hundred acres of Bounty Land

And your petitioner/ As in duty bound/ will ever pray &c

[signed] Nicholas Helmick

NOTES:

Albemarle Barracks were constructed near Charlottesville late in 1778 to house British and Hessian prisoners of Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777. The prisoners were held there from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781, when they were marched first to Winchester Barracks, then to Frederick

MD. Crockett's Western Battalion began arriving at Albemarle Barracks in April 1780.

On 16 June 1853 Sarah Helmick, 58, applied for a pension stating that she married Nicholas Helmick on 11 Mar 1834, and he died 26 Sep 1844. On an application for bounty land dated 18 Sep 1855 her name before marriage was said to be Sarah Worde or Warde. At the same time she applied for bounty land for Nicholas Helmick's service in the War of 1812 in the company of Capt. Wilber Fulks in the regiment of drafted militia commanded by Col. John Hindman, which he entered in Columbia County OH on 1 July 1812 for the term of six months.

On 22 Mar 1879 Reuben Smila submitted a claim for reimbursement for the following expenses incurred by Sarah Helmick, who died in Fastvira in Seneca County OH on 23 Feb 1879:

to L. D. Kiser for Coffin and Burial \$30.00

to Dr A. S. Williams for medical attendance in last sickness beginning 22 Feb 1879 2.50

The claim stated that at her death she left only her old wearing apparel worth less than \$10.