

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Nicholas Rochester W8565
Transcribed by Will Graves

Ann

fn44NC
1/15/10

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber.]

South Carolina

The Declaration of Nicholas Rochester a resident of the District of Union in the State of South Carolina made in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818

The Declarer saith that on or about the 10th day of May 1776 he enlisted as a common soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States in the 6th North Carolina cotton metal Regiment Colonel Archibald Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] Captain Philip Taylor, and continued to do duty with that Regiment until the 8th day of January 1778 when he was regularly discharged by order of the board of War, as will appear by reference to the order and discharged hereunto annexed, signed by Colonel John Williams of the 9th North Carolina cotton metal Regiment.

The Declarer further saith that he has from his nativity and still continues to reside within the limits of the United States that he is now in his sixty sixth year of age and that from his reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has never received a pension.

S/ Nicholas Rochester

[fn p. 44]

war Department

Revolutionary Claim I Certify that in Conformity with the wall of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 Nicholas Rochester Late a private in the Army of the Revolution is inscribed on the pension List Roll of the South Carolina agency at the rate of \$8 per month to Commence on the 18th day of August 1818. Given at the war office of the United States this 5th day of March 1819.

S/ J. C. Calhoun, Secretary of War

payable semiannually the first pavement on this Certificate will be made on the 4th of September
At the Branch Bank US Charleston SC

State of South Carolina Union District: For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," Approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Nicholas Rochester in the District of Union in the State of South Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for two years & six months & during which time I lost an eye and was discharged at which time I was a Sergeant in Captain Philip Taylor's company in the 6th Regiment of the North Carolina line (and I enlisted on the 10th day of May 1776) and I also

declare that I never received Certificates for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States, but being struck off as I suppose that I have deposited my discharge in the War Office and herewith forward my certificate and for proof of the same examine the war office that I am now very old and blind and unable to procure my own support all my children having left me and no person to assist me but and aged & advanced wife.

Witness my hand this 9th day of July in the year 1828.

S/ Samuel Davis, JP

S/ Nicholas Rochester, X his mark

[fn p. 14: on August 21 ____, in Union District South Carolina Ann Rochester, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she married Nicholas Rochester on the 20th day of August 1778; that her eldest son, William Rochester was born on the 3rd day of March 1780 "as will appear from the original record of the births of the children here with enclosed which said record is in the hand writing of said Nicholas Rochester,"; that her husband died October 23rd 1831; that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 17: family record]

William Rochester son of Nicholas Rochester and Ann his wife was Born the 3 day of March 1780

Reuben Rochester was born the 1 day of September 1786

Nathaniel Rochester was born May the 29 day 1789

Susanna Rochester was born the 1 day of May 1791

Nancey Rochester was born the 4 day of September 1793

Abury Rochester was born the 26th day of April 1795

Allen Rochester was born the 1 day of December 1796

Elizabeth Rochester was born the 1st the day of June 1799

Sarah Rochester was born the 15 day of June 1801

John Rochester was born the 10 day of February 180[last digit illegible]

John Rochester was born the 10th day of February 1804

John Rochester son of Reuben Rochester and Elizabeth his wife was born the 11th day of May 1810

anna hinton daughter of Reason hinton and ann her mother was born the 22 day of June 1810[last digit written over and not certain]

Nathaniel Hinton was born the 10 of January 1814

Mary Asbury Hinton was born november the 5 [1815? written off to the side and not clear it belongs to this entry]

Margaret Hinton was born November the 11th 1817 Daughter of Reason Hinton and Nancey his wife

Susanna was Born october the 12 Day 1820

Elizabeth Rochester

Elizabeth Asbury Rochester was born the 20 of April 1815

James Rochester son of Reuben Rochester & Elizabeth his wife was born the 1 day of May 1812

Reuben Rochester was born the 15 day of september 1814

[fn p. 25]

These are to Certify that the Bearer hereof Nicholas Rochester a Sergeant in the Sixth North Carolina Continental Battalion is Discharged from the service agreeable to the within Certificate Given under my Hand at York this 8th Day of January 1778.

S/ John Williams, Col. Comt. at York

[reverse of above]

War Office ye 8th Jany 1778

The Bearor Nicholas Rochester a Serjeant in the 6th North Carolina Regiment, Commanded by Col. John Williams, having lost his right eye, & thereby rendered incapable of Duty, I do herby Certify That the Board of War have agreed to give him a Discharge from the Service & the Colonel or Commanding Officer in York town is required to Discharge him accordingly

S/ Joseph Norris [?], DL