We the Subscribers do hereby certify, that Thomas Nicholson, Brother to Jesse Nicholson (the Bearer hereof) entered as a Soldier in the United States Army in our Revolutionary War, we think for eighteen months service – We further certify, that the said Thomas Nicholson never returned home to his Father's House, but that it was reported, and we are [indecipherable word]1 Certain he was captured with our Army in the Surrender of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina, May 12, 1780], & that he died while a prisoner they are. – Further we testify that the Father of said Thomas Nicholson was a near Neighbor to us, in the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia. – Witness our hands this first day of May 1809

S/ Benjamin Davis
S/ Elizabeth Rose

1: pretty [a misspelling of "pretty"?]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]