Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Nicholls VAS413
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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

[Abstract: Power of attorney executed February 24, 1830 in Wilkes County North Carolina by John Nicholls claiming to be the heir at law of William Nichols "a Soldier & Drummer in the Virginia Continental line in the revolutionary War in the company commanded by Capt. Brown & Regiment commanded by Col. Gipson"

John Sichols

No. Ca. Wilkes County. Personally appeared before me A. S. McKinzie an acting Justice of the Peace for said County, Mary Perleir & stated on oath that sometime in the Revolutionary War whilst living at the house of John Nicholls in the State of Mariland [Maryland] – William Nicholls a brother of the said John Nicholls came there & said that he had a Furlough & was to joined his Regiment at Alexandria & that he brought his drum with him & said that he expected to be Drum Major when he joined his Regiment. Said witness further states that if the said William Nichols is dead that the said John Nichols is the only surviving brother –

Sworn & subscribed to before me 24th of February 1830.

A. S. McKinzie, JP

Mary Perleir, X her mark

On this the 11th day of November 1825 Personally appeared in open Court John Nicholls Junior who being sworn on the holy Evangelist deposed and declared on oath that he believes that William Nicholls a native of the State of Maryland Enlisted under Captain Winsor Brown [Windsor Brown] of the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gipson [George Gibson] in the Continental line in the Revolutionary War the United States against Great Britain for the Period of three years & believes he served the said Term of his Enlistment as he saw him after the term of his enlistment expired – This deponent further states that he believes that the said William Nicholls reenlisted in the said 7th Virginia Regiment as a Drummer for during the war and that he has reason to believe that he served the 2nd Term of his enlistment or until he died or was killed in the southern states and that John Nicholas Senior is the only lawful surviving heir at law of the said William Nicholls –

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the date above S/ John Nicholas [sic], X his mark