
Pension Application for John Nicholls or Nichols

S.41031 (Massachusetts)
State of Vermont
Windsor County SS.

At a special term of the Supreme Court of Judicature, begun and holden at Woodstock in the County of Windsor, on the last Monday in July, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and twenty.

On this first day of August 1820, being the second day of said term, personally appeared in open Court, (the same Court being a Court of record agreeably to the laws of this State, having the power of fine and imprisonment, &c.) John Nichols aged seventy years, resident in Windsor in said County of Windsor, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath declares that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows:

At Newbury in the State of Massachusetts in the Month of April AD 1777 or about that time I enlisted for the term of three years into Samuel Carrs' (1) Company of the Ninth Regiment of the Massachusetts line, commanded by Col. Weston, served the said period of three years and was then honorably discharged. My discharge is since lost and am not able to find it. Said Regiment belonged to the Continental Establishment & to Gen. Learned's Brigade (2) He was discharged the 11th day of February 1780.

That he made his original declaration on the thirteenth day of April 1818 has received a Pension certificate, No. 4591 And I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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", passed on the 18th day of March, 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts of debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed, to wit.

1 table, 1.00 chest 1.00 chairs 1.25 woodin ware 2.00 \$5.25
Ironware 3.00 crockery 1.50 knives & forks .50 buth & wedges .50 Glassware 1.00 6.50
Earthern & tin ware 2.00 1 scythe harness & cicle 1.00 pitch fork & rake .50 4.50
Salt Pork & Grain 6.50 Reel & wheel 1.00 Andirons shovel & tongs 1.50 11.00
Basket .25 1 hog 10.00 10.25

I further declare that I have about \$35 in debt due me over & above what I owe for pension money loaned. \$35.00

[total] \$72.50

My occupation is farming, but am unable in consequence of old age & disease to labour, I have two daughters who live with me & keeping house. Dolly aged 30 years & Polly aged twenty eight. (Signed with his mark) John Nichols

Sworn to and declared on the first day of August 1820, before said Court. Attest,
Benjamin Swan

End Notes—S.41031—John Nicholls

1. John enlisted on February 14, 1777 in Captain Samuel Carr's Company in Colonel James Wesson's Ninth Massachusetts Continental Regiment for 3 years. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 37, folder 12, National Archives, Washington D.C.

2. Brigadier General Ebenezer Learned. Colonel Wesson's Regiment was part of Learned's Brigade during the Battles of Saratoga on September 19 and October 7, 1777. They were also present at Lieutenant General John Burgoyne's surrender on October 17, 1777. John doesn't mention Saratoga in his application. Also part of Colonel Wesson's Regiment were at Fort Schuyler during the siege in August of 1777 under Lieutenant Colonel James Mellon and Major Ezra Bedlam. When Major General Benedict Arnold marched from Saratoga to the relief of Fort Schuyler in August of 1777, Colonel Wesson's and the remaining part of his regiment were part of Arnold's column. John doesn't mention that he was in the siege or that he was part of the relief column. Also Wesson's Regiment was in the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey on June 28, 1778 and again John makes no mention of this battle.