

Pension Application for Charles Nicholson

R.7664 (Widow: Mary)

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this seventh day of June in the year 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the county of Orange aforesaid Mary Nicholson a resident of the Town of New Windsor in said County aged eighty four years on the fourth day of April instant who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Charles Nicholson who was a private as she has been informed & believes in a company of militia or volunteers of which John Nicholson was the captain said company belonged to Colonel James Clinton's brigade or regiment.

That on or about the first day of July in the year 1775, her said husband enlisted at New Windsor aforesaid into the aforesaid company for the term of six months. Said company was engaged in the service of the United States at St. John's Montreal & Chamblee and her said husband served the full term of six month in the aforesaid company and was discharged at Albany in the state of New York on or about the first day of January in the year 1776.

That she has also been informed & believes that her said husband on or about the first of June in the year 1776, again enlisted into the service of the United States for the term of five months and was engaged in said service at White Plains, Kingsbridge, Peekskill & along the Hudson River & was discharged about the first of January in the year 1777.

That her said husband was taken such about the time of his discharge as last aforesaid & died before he could return to his home, that the Captain Nicholson under whom her said husband served was a brother of the husband of this deponent.

She further declares that she was married to the said Charles Nicholson in the early part of the spring in the year 1771, and that the eldest child which she had by her said husband was aged sixty five years the eight day of January last, but from old age she is unable to state the day or month in which she was married. That she has not now any documentary evidence of her marriage with her said husband that the same was entered in a family bible belonging to her husband but which has been destroyed that she has no documentary evidence of her said husband's services.

That she from old age is unable to state the names of the officers under which her husband served in the year 1776. That her husband the aforesaid Charles Nicholson died in the winter of the year 1777. Soon after his discharge from the service last aforesaid at New Windsor aforesaid & before he could return to his home, but from old age & loss of memory she is unable to state the day or month on which he died.

And that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed) Mary Nicholson

Sworn & subscribed on the day & year above written before me. Jas. G. Clinton,
a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Orange.