

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Williamson Simmons BLWt2386-100 f9VA

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[p 2: Note: "See claim of James Simmons B. L. Wt. 2387-100" in this database as [James Simmons BLWt2387-100](#)]

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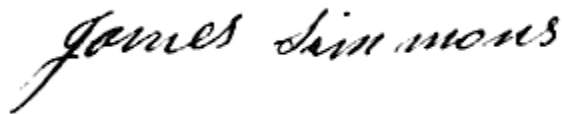
At a Hustings Court continued and held for the City of Norfolk on the 1st day of November 1845.

Is ordered to be certified that it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court by the affidavit of Elizabeth Mathias aged seventy years now filed that Williamson Simmons and James Simmons who were soldiers in the War of the Revolution and who were in service to the end of thereof died intestate and without issue leaving an only brother Willis Simmons who is now deceased, leaving two children James Simmons and Eliza Ann Simmons that Eliza Ann has since intermarried with John Brown – and that the said James Simmons and Eliza Ann Brown are the only heirs at law of the said Williamson Simmons and James Simmons deceased.

I John Williams Clerk of the Hustings Court of the City of Norfolk aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the above is a true copy from the records of the said Court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court the 20th day of November in the year of our Lord 1845 and of the Commonwealth the 70th.

S/ Jno. Williams, CC

[pp 5-6: Powers of attorney dated November 1 1845 signed by James Simmons and Eliza Ann Brown claiming to be heirs of James Simmons, a deceased soldier of the Virginia Continental line. Eliza signed with her mark



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State of Virginia City of Norfolk

The Deposition of Mrs. Elizabeth Mathias taken this 23rd day of January 1846 before me John G. Colley at Justice of the Peace in and for the City of Norfolk who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon her oath state that she is now 78 years of age. That at the close of the Revolutionary War she was living with her uncle Willis Simmons, who was the brother of

James Simmons and Williamson Simmons, that she was well acquainted with said James Simmons and Williamson Simmons, that they enlisted in the American Service in the War of the Revolution for during the war and continued in the service until the war ended that after the close of the War they were both very dissipated, and both of them died before the year 1800 very poor and without issue and that James Simmons and Eliza Ann Brown who was Eliza Ann Simmons are the children of Willis Simmons and the only heirs at law of the said James Simmons and Williamson Simmons deceased.

S/ Elizabeth Mathias, X her mark

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that Williamson Simmons a private in the Virginia Continental line has served 7 years faithfully and is enlisted for the war June 26 1783

S/ A. Parker Capt. [Alexander Parker]

Virg<sup>a</sup> Line

*I do certify that Williamson Simmons a private of the Virginia Continental Line has served seven years faithfully and is enlisted for the war June 26 1783*

*A. Parker*  
Virg<sup>a</sup> Line

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Addendum to Williamson Simmons BLWt2386-100

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 23 May 2021.

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 25th day of June 1783, in the name of Wmson Simmons as a Soldier of infantry for £105.0.3, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23 day of March 1833.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

I Certify that I knew Williamson Simmons who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary war of the Virginia Continental line and that he served three year in succession and untill the end of the war and to the best of my knowledge & belief he was Honourably discharged, as Witness my hand and seal this the

12 day of March in the year 1833.  
Norfolk County to Wit

Samuel his X mark Hosier [Samuel Hosier R5244]

This day Samuel Hosier a man who appears to be about 77 years of age personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the aforesaid county and made oath to the truth of the above statement given under my hand and seal this the 12 day of March in the year 1833

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