

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Simmerly R9573

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State of Tennessee Blount County: SS

On this 25th day of November 1844 personally appeared before me John Morton a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, John Simmerly Senior a resident of said County and State, at his own house, who from bodily infirmity is unable to appear in open court now in the ninety second year of his age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States a private volunteer under General Rutherford in the year 1776 – and was employed under Captain Peter Carpenter in packing provisions from Lincoln County North Carolina, the place where he then resided and where he volunteered to the western counties of the State, during the campaign made by General Rutherford in that year against the Cherokee Indians: that he cannot now recollect how long he served in said campaign or the names of places he passed, but he recollects that he cut his name on a beech tree, in German, on a Creek then known as Richland Creek. He was afterwards drafted to serve the campaign against English at Kings Mountain but owing to sickness did not serve the campaign: that he served another campaign against the Indians under General John Sevier, in a company commanded by Captain Alexander Green and Colonel Langdon Carter's Regiment from Carter County Tennessee in which campaign the troops went as low as the mouth of Clinch River, but in what year or how long he served in said last campaign his memory serves him not: that he has no documentary evidence in his possession, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services; that he was born in Germany May 4, 1753; baptized May 12, same year, and joined the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the year 1766, as will appear from by an original church a letter accompanying this declaration<sup>1</sup>; that has remained in his possession ever since; that he emigrated to the United States previous to the war of the revolution that he lived in Lincoln County NC until after the year 1776; that he removed to what was then in Washington County and see now Carter County Tennessee, that he resided in said County until about ten years ago and that he then removed to Blount County in said State, where he still resides, and that he has been nearly blind for the last seven years, and

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<sup>1</sup> The letter was not in the file as posted on Footnote.com.

has not before applied for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Morton, JP

S/ John Simmerly, Senior, X his mark

[Calvin Anderson and Christian Long gave the standard supporting affidavit.]