

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Simmons R9578

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To the Pension Agent of the United States.

The petition of Margaret Simmons widow of John Simmons a soldier of the revolution respectfully sheweth – That she was married to John Simmons on the [blank] day of [blank] 17 near Moore’s Ford in the state of Virginia & lived with him as man & wife from that time until his death which happened in the year 1807 in Robertson county Tennessee: That she has lived a widow ever since That she does not recollect the exact time of her birth from the information of her parents or otherwise But from information she believes to be correct as well as from recollection she believes she is from ninety eight to one hundred years old: That her husband the sd John Simmons served several campaigns in the revolutionary war against the King of Great Britain: That he served one expedition on New River against the Tories – but she does not recollect who was the commander – nor how long he served: That after this her husband who was then living in Washington County in the state of Virginia volunteered under Captain Wm. Neal & went in the campaign to Kings Mountain: This was in the summer or fall of 1780 [7 Oct 1780]: The Virginia troops were commanded by Col Wm. Campbell & my husband was in his regiment: The troops were gone about three months on this expedition: After they got back & in the same year my husband volunteered under Col Arthur Campbell – in a campaign against the Cherokee nation of Indians [probably 27-28 Dec]: They were gone about three months on this expedition: During the whole of this campaign – as well as the expedition against [Maj. Patrick] Ferguson – or Kings Mountain campaign making together of about six months my husband served as a soldier faithfully as I believe: My husband served in other expeditions against the Indians but I cannot recollect the dates or time: He was always ready to go when his country called on him in the revolutionary war: Myself & husband lived in Washington County Virginia during the revolutionary war: Sometime afterwards we moved to Robertson County Tennessee where we lived until my husband’s death which happened in the year 1807 & where your petitioner has resided ever since: At the time we moved from Virginia – that part of Washington County in which we resided was struck off & a new county was formed called Russell County [in 1786]: Your petitioner has not applied for a pension until now because she did not know until recently that congress has made any provision for the widows of dead revolutionary soldiers: She thinks it has been within the year 1847 that she first heard of such a law: She now makes this application hoping that it will receive the favorable consideration of the authorities of the United States – & as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of March 1848

Margaret herXmark Simmons

Tho. Cook JP Justice of the peace for Robertson County

State of Tennessee Robertson County

This day John P Simmons appeared before me, Thomas Cook a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath, that John Simmons a Revolutionary Soldier mentioned in the foregoing petition of Margaret Simmons was the father of this affiant that he believes the facts stated in said petition are true, because he has heard his father speak of three expeditions to “Kings Mountain: & the “Cherokee Nation” and of his having been in them. This affiant has frequently heard his father, the said John Simmons, speak of the officers of those expeditions, among others, Col Campbell, Col [Evan] Shelby & Capt Neal. Affiants mother is the said Margaret Simmons, Widow of said John Simmons, who has signed the foregoing petition, and he believes the above statement of her age is correct, as he is now himself in his sixty ninth, and that he is the second child by a second marriage. By her first husband whose name was Hill, she had two children, Hill was the companion of Daniel Boon [sic: Daniel Boone], in one of his

expeditions to Kentucky and was killed by the Indians. And further this deponent saith not.
Sworn and subscribed before me this 3rd day of March 1848 [signed] John P. Simmons
[Voluntine Simmons (as he signed) also deposed that he was the son of John Simmons.]

NOTE:

The file contains the following original discharge not referred to elsewhere. It is evidently for a different John Simmons.

I hereby Certify that John Simmons soldier hath served under Capt. Wilson in this Pittsylvania County and he is hereby Disch'd. with four days allow'd. to Ret[urn] home. Consdt[?] Perkins

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