

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Simmons R9579

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State of Tennessee Maury County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions December Sessions 1832

This day personally appeared in open Court before James Huey, Robert Wortham and Peter Williams now holding the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Maury Nathaniel Simmons a resident of the County State aforesaid about sixty-seven years of 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated –

This applicant believes he was born in Prince Edward County in Virginia 7th of March 1765 according to a register of his birth made in his father's family Bible where he lived until he entered the service. In February 1781 he entered the service of the United States under Captain Ambrose Nelson, Lieutenant John Gill – Captain Nelson's Company was attached to the command of Major Charles Allen & he under Colonel John Holcomb. We rendezvoused at Cumberland old Courthouse – From this place we marched to the South under the command of Colonel Holcomb – crossed Dan River & continued our march South until we met General Green [Nathanael Greene] & the main body of the Army – we were then attached to his (General Green's) command, and remained with his Army until the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], where this applicant was in the heat of the battle & was wounded by a musket ball passing through the jaw & under ear [?]¹ and was taken prisoner by the British – and was left with the wounded prisoners who were unable to march at Guilford. Applicant as soon as he was able to go about which was in a few days made his escape from the guard at Guilford Courthouse & joined the Army again, at or near Haw River – being unable to do duty was sent home from this place by Colonel Holcomb with an escort or man who acted as nurse & Physician &c to applicant as his wound was very bad – Applicant lay sick at home for three or four months – and in fact was entirely unable to have done duty for twelve months – & of course unable to join the Army again as the war closed in the fall of the same year – when applicant joined the Army it was his expectation to remain a soldier until the close of the war – He has no documentary evidence of his services and does not know of any person living whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of

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any State or territory – Applicant remained in Virginia about four years after the close of the war – removed from that state to South Carolina where he lived fourteen or fifteen years removed from South Carolina to this State (of Tennessee) where he has lived ever since & has lived for the last twenty-two or three years where he now resides in Maury County Tennessee – Never received any written discharge – he is known to Parson Joshua W Kilpatrick, Isaiah Weatherly and Major John Kilcreek [?] who can testify as to his character for veracity and as to their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War.

S/ Nathaniel Simmons, X his mark

Subscribed & sworn to in open court this 18th day of December 1832.

S/ John J Porter, Clerk

[Joshua W Kilpatrick, a clergyman, and Isaiah Weatherly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]