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Pension application of William Isaac Simmons R9580

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State of Georgia Talbot County} SS

On this the Twelfth day of January A.D. 1846 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting for County purposes William I Simmons commonly called Isaac Simmons a resident of said County aged Eighty Seven years 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain Solomon Wood and was mustered into Service under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Colonel Thomas Wooten with which officers he served one year. He entered the Army in the year 1780 at Wake Court House North Carolina and served in that State during said time of one year, during said service under General Morgan Deponent was engaged in several skirmishes and was in a Battle at a place then called Cross Creek¹ now Fayetteville and also in the Battle at the Cowpens² in the year 1781. Declarant's Father John Simmons having been wounded by a musket ball passing between the tendon & bone of the left leg during the last mentioned Battle & totally disabled from service, he declarant received his discharge a few days before his term of service expired in order to carry his Father home. Said John Simmons finally died of said wound in Talbot County in the year 1837. In a short time after receiving said discharge declarant Enlisted under Captain Drury Cade in order to serve in the State of Georgia for a Bounty of Land offered by said State, under said Drury Cade Declarant came to Georgia and was mustered into the service under Colonel Clarke [Elijah Clark] in Georgia Declarant served two years and received the Bounty Land as will be seen more clearly by reference to the certificates of J. Houston & J. U. Horne which are hereunto annexed. Declarant now possesses no documentary evidence of his Services. He obtained a discharge from the Army each time he left the service and kept three of said discharges in his possession of till the year 1837 when he handed them to Doctor Hamilton P. Snead of said County in order to have his claim to a pension established and said discharges have been lost or mislaid so that they cannot be found as will appear by reference to the certificate of said H. P. Snead hereunto annexed. Declarant memory does not enable him to say by whom said discharges were signed. The Colonels commanding when they were obtained was as follows the first under Colonel Wooten the second under Colonel Wooten and the third under Colonel E. Clarke. Declarant was born in the State of North Carolina in the year 1758 as will appear by reference to an old family

¹ The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html

² The Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

record hereunto annexed in which his age is put down under the name of W. Isaac Simmons, when called into service he was living in said last named State, Since the war he has resided in the State of Georgia mainly in Wilkes & Talbot County in which last named County he now lives. He first entered the Army as a volunteer under Captain Solomon Wood but afterwards enlisted, he was not drafted nor a Substitute, William L. Walker & Peter F. Mahone and Hamilton P. Snead can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Declarant rendered his services in the Army as William Simmons and supposes if his name is registered at all it is as William Simmons & not William I Simmons. The reason of which is as follows. He was at first called only William by his Parents. That in the Battle of the Cowpens his uncle Isaac Nutt being killed his parents to perpetuate the memory of said uncle after the war added the name of Isaac to that of William & said uncle being a favorite he himself came in course of time to be called and known most by the name of Isaac, that William was his first name will appear by reference to the old family record above named & hereunto attached. Said record having been made by his Father as early as the year 1786.

S/ William I. Simmons, X his mark

[William L. Walker and Hopkins Daniel gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Talbot County } I Hamilton P Snead of said county do hereby certify on oath that said W I Simmons handed to me sometime in the year 1836 or 1837 three papers purporting to be discharges from the Army of the United States. My memory does not enable me to say by whom they were signed or what I finally did with them, but I am Satisfied they were discharges from said Army to said Simmons.

S/ H P Snead

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H P Snead". The letters are dark and fluid, with a small flourish at the end of the word "Snead".

[p 7 Family Record: Here is what I think I see]

illegible [page torn]
born October 25, 1756
W. Isaac Simmons was [born]
February 11, 1758
Rhoda Simmons was
born August 1, 1771
Winney Simmons was
born April 1, 1774
Sarah Simmons was
born September 17, 1777
John Simmons was
born January 27, 1781
William Simmons was
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(Copy)

(No. 750)

Georgia

These are to Certify, that William Simmons a citizen is entitled to two hundred and fifty acres of Land, as a Bounty, agreeable to an Act and Resolve of the General Assembly, passed at Augusta the 20th of August 1781. as per Certificate E. Clarke Colo.

Given under my hand, at Savanna, the 25th day of March in the year of our Lord 1084

S/ J. Houston

Attest

S/ D. Rees Secy.

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State of Georgia Talbot County } Know all men by these presents that I Isaac Simmons of said County do hereby constitute & appoint Thomas Lumpkin of Washington City my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name & stead to examine my Declaration & papers on file in the Pension Office in Washington City and prosecute my claim for a Pension as a Revolutionary Soldier as I know I served my Country faithfully in said War one year in North Carolina under Capts Wood and other Captains the names not now recollected & Colonel Wooten while in my first service & a few days before my time was out I was in the battle at the Cowpens under General Morgan some months after said battle I volunteered under Captain Cade and marched under him to Georgia to get a bounty of land that was offered by the Council of Georgia to all soldiers who would serve to the close of the War or expulsion of the enemys served in Georgia under Colonel Clarke two years & six months for which I obtained a bounty of land & sold it to Mathew Arthew [?] for which I was given a mare pony or horse I served in both Campaigns under the name of William instead of Isaac Simmons as my name was changed after the War for an uncle who I favoured who was killed in the battle at the Cowpens, hereby ratifying & confirming all that my said Attorney may lawfully do by virtue of these presents
Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of June 1851

S/ Isaac Simmons, X his mark

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State of North Carolina

Comptroller's Office

I, William J Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts, in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

William Simmons

Book No. 3 page 25 £9. S2—specie

“ “ 19 “ 56 £4 “

“ G. 16 “ 21 £8 S7

Indent or Army Certificate No. 1689 issued by lower Board of Salisbury Auditors £13 S10
specie—

Warrenton Settlements £5.S2.D2 specie—No. 108

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office
this 3rd day of May 1852

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Compt.