

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Simpson R9595                      Elizabeth Simpson                      VA  
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State of Virginia                      Campbell County to witt,

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day March 1839 personally appeared before me G D Gilliam a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, a respectable resident of said county, aged 87 years – who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the act of Congress, passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836-: That, she is the widow of Jno. Simpson dec'd. of said county who was a private in the Revolutionary war – but of his services in the early part of the war she is unable to speak. or say, whether he was in the continental, or state service – but from the fact of his name being on the army Register as being entitled to land– he must have been in the continental service [see endnote]– as she has never heard of any other person by the name of Jno. Simpson- than her husband – who was in the Revolutionary war — That her husband went into service first day of March 1778 [sic] from the County of Charlotte – which was before they were married– that she recollects perfectly well that she assisted to fix and equip him off – that he marched to S. Carolina and was at the Battle of Stone-ore [sic: Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779] in said state — that her husband was in service six months on this occasion - and she recollects that he returned, on, or about the last day of August of said year — and further, that her husband the said Jno. Simpson, was at the battle of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse, NC, 15 Mar 1781] – which she thinks was one or two years after they were married — She thinks he served 2 or 3 months on this occasion – and that her husband was employed in guarding the prisoners from N. Carolina to Halifax Jail — And she the said Elizabeth Simpson further declares, that she was married to the aforesaid Jno. Simpson, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1779- by the Rev'd. Jno Weatherford in the county of Charlotte of said state – from which they removed to the county of Campbell – where they lived together ever since as man and wife, untill her husbands, the said Jno. Simpsons death which she avers was on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1826 – and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof annexed

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NOTES:

John Simpson's service must have been in the militia, since enlistments in the Continental Line or the Virginia State Line were never for the short periods stated by his widow.

On 9 Feb 1839 Jacob Woodall, 75, of Campbell County, made a statement in part as follows: "that he Jacob Woodall although he was a youth at the time recollects when the said Simpson went into service at the Battle of Gilford – that he went from the count of charlotte Va in company with his brother Jno Woodall [John Woodall] and Bentley Feeler, and that they remained 2 or 3 months in service on the present occasion – as the troops were generally called into service for 3 months at that time – and that he the said Woodall distinctly recollects the time that said Simpson returned from service at the battle of Gilford – that he understood Simpson to say that he served 6 months in the campaign of the battle of Stone-ore...."

At the same time and place Rebecca Woodall, 70 or 71, made a statement in part as follows: "that she lived in Halifax County Va. at the time of the Battle of Gilford – and she recollects perfectly Jno. Simpson, Jas. Morrison [James Morrison, possibly pension application S31269], Capt Wm Paldin [sic: William Paldin, or possibly William Paulding] and John Cunningham [possibly S3250], stopt at her grandfathers Thos. Stovals [probably Thomas Stovall's] on their way home towards Charlotte, and Prince Edward from the Battle of Gilford."

A document filed in Campbell County VA on 8 March 1847 states that Elizabeth Simpson died 9 Oct 1839 and was the widow of John Simpson, who died on 4 July 1824. It lists their surviving children as Saunders, Jane, and Elizabeth Simpson.

A letter in the file states that no record could be found of the marriage of John Simpson and Elizabeth Woodall in Charlotte County.