

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Simpson R9598

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State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: County Court: SS

On this 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Worshipful justices of the County Court of Bledsoe County James Simpson a resident of the County of Bledsoe and State of Tennessee, aged seventy-eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year \_\_ with Lieutenant William Hutton and served in the 50th Regiment of the South Carolina line under the following named officers – He enlisted for the term of one year and received a bounty of \$10 from Lieutenant William Hutton at the time of enlistment, in Abbeville County State of South Carolina where he was placed and remained during the year in the company commanded by Captain \_\_ Buey (or Bewey) [probably, Capt. John Bowie or Buie of the Independent Company] Lieutenant William Hutton (who was first Lieutenant) and Jos Pickens [Joseph Pickens] (a brother of General Pickens) 2nd Lieutenant; the latter only for part of the year an officer of the company – During this year's service declarant was mostly stationed at Fort Charlotte – on one occasion he with some of the other regulars were sent on an expedition against the Indians on Tugaloo River. Declarant was in a skirmish with the Indians on Breast Town Creek [Brass Town Creek] on Tugaloo River. Captain Buey having remained at Fort Charlotte, the portion of his company which was out in this expedition were under the command of 2nd Lieutenant Joseph Pickens upon whose conduct while out a court-martial was called & he either resigned or was dismissed. Declarant & the regulars with him upon Joseph Pickens' dismissal went into the militia commanded by Major (who was afterwards General) Pickens for the balance of the expedition. From Breast Town Creek he was marched with the other forces to Tomassee in the nation where they had a battle with the Indians which declarant was in and in which twenty-seven Indians were left dead on the ground. General Williamson of the militia was the chief commander during this expedition. From Tomassee was marched to Seneca, from there to what was called the middle settlements where there was another skirmish with the Indians which declarant remembers Wade Hampton was in as a Captain & acted bravely. Declarant was standing near him when he fired the first gun in the skirmish & killed an Indian. The Indians were defeated & much plunder taken from them at this place. From there he was marched into the Valleys where he fell in with about 1500 of the North Carolinians having fallen in with about the same number previously in the Middle Settlements. From there he was marched to Fort Charlotte, some Indians prisoners were along, which had been received from the North Carolina troops, which General Williamson took to White Hall. At the end of the year which declarant had enlisted Captain Buey gave him a written discharge but which is lost Declarant cannot say how.

In about two months after declarant was discharged by Captain Buey he enlisted again in Abbeville County with Captain William Wilson from whom he received \$10. He enlisted this time also for one year, to serve in Georgia. He was in the company commanded by Captain William Wilson & Lieutenant William Cain (or Kane). He was stationed for a while on Neil's Creek on Broad River in Georgia and for a while a few miles lower down on Broad River. Colonel Coleman had the command of the forces in Georgia. He was of the militia – during this term of service declarant was often out through the Country in Georgia with scouting parties but was in no skirmish or battle with the Indians. At the end of eleven months he was discharged at Neil's (or Neal's) stationed in Georgia & returned to Abbeville. In addition to the before mentioned terms of service, which together amounted to twenty-three months, performed by declarant as a regular soldier, he was during the war in the service as a volunteer & a drafted militia man over two years, but as he claims as a regular he will not now give a detailed of his services in the militia. He supposes he can do so here after if it should become necessary. At least, he makes this declaration under the supposition that if he fails to obtain a pension on account of his services in the regular Army, he will hereafter be permitted to make out his claim for his services in the militia. He states, that after his service under Captain Buey, he, Buey, enlisted for 3 years, and that if his name is on the rolls of the war Department, it will be found in Captain Buey's Company early in the war, and before the latter enlistment spoken of. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Simpson, X his mark

[There is a note in the file that reads "James Simpson the within mentioned applicant is dead and has no widow nor heirs in Tennessee within my knowledge. June 16th 1834.

S/ Jas. A. Whiteside"]