

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rhodam Sims S16925

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State of Missouri, County of Ralls

On this 6th day of June personally appeared before the County Court while in session Rhodam Sims a resident of said County of Ralls and State of Missouri aged 77 years who being 1st duly sworn in open Court 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 Entered the service of the United States as a Militia man of the Virginia troops and served in the 1st Regiment of the Virginia militia under the following named officers (to wit)

A Statement showing the service of Rhodam Sims Ralls County Missouri

When the service was rendered	Years	Months	Days	Rank of the claimant	Names and rank of the company Officers under Whom He Served	Names and rank of General and Field Officers	Battles in which the applicant was engaged	Country through which he marched	Place of abode when he entered the service and age at the present period	Evidence by which the declaration he is supported
1781		7 or thereabouts		private	Captain John Britt, Lieutenant Will Farrows, Captain J. James, Captain George Williams, Captain George Burris, Captain James Smith	General Weedon, Colonel Lucas, Major Morrison & adjutant Clayton, General Green, General Weedon, Colonel Gavel, Lieutenant Phillips		Virginia North Carolina	Prince William County Virginia 1781 age 78	Traditionary

Hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Rhodam Sims, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Charles Glasscock Clerk

[Jeremiah Verdeman, a clergyman, and Luke W Watkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where and in what year were you born

I was born in Stafford County Virginia & in A.D. 1756 I was born

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

I have none

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live

I was called into service while I was living in Prince William County I have since the Revolution lived a part of my time in the state of Virginia apart in the state of Tennessee & the balance in the state of Missouri where I am now living in how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

I was drafted

State the names of some of the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

I was acquainted with Colonel William Washington of the 3rd Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army also Colonel White & Colonel Lee Commanders of the troops of horse my Brother Richard Sims was an enlisted soldier under said William Washington while he was a Captain. The Battle of the Cowpens was fought when [I or he?] was in service at the Cheraw Hills

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

I received a discharge which was assigned by and [indecipherable word or words [could have been intended to be "passed on"]] the Ensign of the company to which I belonged to the Captain having left us & the Lieutenant was sick at the time and the same is now lost

Did you ever receive a commission

I did not

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your resident neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. I referred the names of Dabney Jones Esquire & Richard to state as to my veracity & service

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Charles Glasscock Clerk

S/ Rhodam Sims, X his mark

[Jeremiah Vardeman, a clergyman and Oney Carstarphen gave another standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Missouri County of Ralls

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid Rhodam Sims who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned

herein & in the following grades for sixty days or two months I served as a private under Captain Britt for two months I served under Captain James and two months under Captain Williams & two months under Captain Burris & one month under Captain Smith & for such service I claim a pension.

S/ James Cursan, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service for 9 months.]