

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sims, Sr. S17091

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State of Indiana Franklin County: SS

On this 13th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Probate Court of the County of Franklin aforesaid now sitting, William Sims Senior a resident of the County of Franklin aforesaid, aged seventy-two years the 14th day of May A.D. 1832; 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 7, 1832. –

That I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit: In 1777 I resided in Culpepper County Virginia, and in that year, in said County I volunteered under Captain James Pendleton, as a private soldier, and marched to the lower end of Virginia, where the British were expected to land: the British did not land at that time, and we were in no engagement, but returned back to Culpeper County aforesaid. I served in this tour as a private soldier the term of one month. Afterwards in the same year in the same County, a draft was made of about 900 men, and I again volunteered amongst others, and we marched some time in the month of July, under Captain Hill to Pennsylvania, Colonel James Barber [James Barbour] and Major William Roberts commanded. When we arrived in Pennsylvania we joined the regular Army under General Washington, Colonel Barber returning home, we were placed under Colonel Crawford. In November of said year we were discharged and returned home to said County. I served in the Army aforesaid this tour three months and a half – After which I returned to Rockingham County Virginia and in that County in 1781 I was drafted, and was in a company of Riflemen under Captain George Crisman [George Chrisman], Major Guy Hamilton [perhaps Gawen Hamilton] and General Campbell and served in this tour as a private soldier 4 months, and in my 2nd tour as aforesaid I served as a private soldier.

1. I was born in Culpeper County Virginia on the 14th of May 1760. 2. I have a record of my age which is at my residence in Franklin County aforesaid. 3. I lived in Culpeper County Virginia when called into service. I moved from Culpeper County to Rockingham County as aforesaid – from which place I moved to Cocke County in Tennessee in 1785, from which place I removed in 1811 to the County of Franklin aforesaid where I have since resided. 4. I was drafted and volunteered in the Army as above stated. 5. For names of the officers with whom I was acquainted see and peruse this my declaration. 6. I never received a discharge but when our Captain was discharged, he informed his company that they might return home. – 7. I am acquainted with Elijah Barwick, Enoch McCarty who lived in my neighborhood & who can testify as to my character for veracity &c.

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 any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert John, Clerk P.C.F.C.

S/ Wm Sims Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Sims Sr." The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent "W" and "S".

[Elijah Barwick, a clergyman, and Enoch McCarty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: Veteran made an earlier application dated October 9, 1832 but it was last complete and his subsequent application, so I elected not to transcribe it. I do not believe that it contains any information not contained in his subsequent declaration. His earlier declaration was supported by standard affidavit given by Elijah Barwick, clergyman and Isaac Wilson.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 1/2 months in the Virginia militia.]