

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Simms S17093

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District of Kentucky

On this 29th of August 1818 before made the subscriber one of the Circuit Judges for the District aforesaid personally appeared Richard Simms aged 58 years resident in Scott County in the Said District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war – That he the said Richard Simms enlisted in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia for two years in the company commanded by Captain William Washington in the 3 Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonels Weeden [George Weedon] & Marshall [Thomas Marshall] in the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Regiment for the term of two years when he was discharged at Valley Forge. That he was in the battles of New York Island [possibly the battle of Harlem Heights, September 16, 1776], Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. That he is in reduced circumstances in life and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

State of Missouri County of Clay: Sct.

In the Clay County Court September Special Term A.D. 1832

On this 3rd day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James T. V. Thompson, Shubeal Allen and Elisha Cameron Justices thereof Richard Simms aged 75 years a resident of the County of Clay & State of Missouri aforesaid who being 1st duly sworn in open Court doth on his oath make the following Statement in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he the said Richard Simms enlisted in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain William Washington in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer in the line of the State of Virginia that he enlisted as a private and entered the service as such for during the term of 2 years and until discharged that his name is inscribed on the pension List roll of the Kentucky Agency at the rate of \$8 per month to commence on the 29th day of August 1818 that he drew a pension up to the 4th of March 1820 and having never exhibited a schedule of his property according to the Act of May 1st 1820 his name was stricken from the roll and that he has not since had any allowance as a revolutionary Pensioner. That his present place of residence is in the County of Clay & State of Missouri. That his place of residence when his first application was made was in the County of Scott and State of Kentucky. That the number of his Pension Certificate is forty-

three. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present.
S/ Richard Simms, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to Richard Simms S17093

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 5 Nov 2019.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Robert English VAS3515.]

State of Kentucky Franklin County Sct} 15 Oct 1822]

Richard Simms this day personally appeared before me John Walker a Justice of the peace for said county and made oath that he Inlisted in Virginia in the year 1776 for three years in Capt William Washington Company in the Third Virginia Regiment on continental line Commanded by Col [Hugh] Mercer and that he continued [to] serve in said service untill his Inlistment was expired at which time he was honourably discharged at the Valaye Forge in Pennsylvania and through the course of time he has lost his discharge or it has been misplaced and he has never received his land warrant for said services

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This day Robert English [VAS3515] personally appeared before me J Martin A Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he has long been acquainted with the above Richard Simms who has subscribed to the above Decliration and he well knows that he is the Identical person he therein represents himself to be and further knows that he did perform the military service therein stated.