

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Simmons S17877

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State of Indiana Henry County: SS

On this 13th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Jesse H. Haly Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Henry and State of Indiana now sitting Joel Simmons aged seventy-five years of the County of Henry and State of Indiana 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia he thinks in the year 1776 the precise time he does not recollect and he lived in the State of Virginia and Albemarle County aforesaid when he entered and was born in the County and State last aforesaid on the 10th day of June 1757 and was raised in Albemarle and Orange Counties, and State last aforesaid and served under Colonel John Henry, Lieutenant James Garland, the other officers that he served under that tower [tour] he does not recollect and that he served for the space of three months guarding Burgoyne's troops who were taken prisoners and his place was supplied by other Officers and he received no discharge from service, the first tower and sometime in the year 1777 or 8 he does not distinctly recollect he was called into service of the United States again by Captain William Davis and served under him the said Davis as a guard for one month all of which service were in the State of Virginia aforesaid and other officers that tower he does not recollect. And in the year 1779 or 80 he was called into service by Captain Henry Burk [Henry Burke] and that he served six months under Captain John Mortin [John Martin] and Colonel Holt Richardson [also spelled, Holt Richeson] Major John Mucklehany [John McIlhaney] and Lieutenant Richard Darrett [Richard Durrett] Ensign William Dickerson Sergeant James Blane and that he marched from Albemarle County to the Mobin Hills [Malvern Hills] on James River in Hanaracca [Henrico?] County in the State of Virginia aforesaid and there remained some 2 or 3 weeks and marched from there to New Castle Old field in Hanover County in the State last aforesaid and remained there about 2 weeks and marched from there to New Kent County old Courthouse in the State of Virginia aforesaid. And there he remained until he served out the last six months, and then received a discharge by Captain John Mortin and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can produce to testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joel Simmons, X his mark

[Thomas Hilman and John Neal gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Asahel Neal, a clergyman, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia.]