

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Edmund Simpson S21974  
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State of South Carolina, Union District: to wit

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the presiding Judge of the Court of Common pleas & sessions now sitting for the district aforesaid Edmund Simpson a resident of the same district aged Sixty Seven years who being first duly sworn on his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. In the summer of 1779 or 1780 – I volunteered for three months under Captain Richard Allen, Lieut. Col Herndon & Col Benjamin Cleveland in Wilks [sic, Wilkes] County North Carolina & went on a scouting party against the Tories on the Catawba River. Served about two months & was discharged. I then volunteered under the same officers & marched through North Carolina by the Cowpens South Carolina to King's Mountain where I was in the battle known by that name in which Forgason [sic, Patrick Ferguson] was defeated. I then accompanied the prisoners to Salem North Carolina & was discharged after a tour of three months. I then volunteered under the same Captain & Col Herndon & marched through Salem & joined Genl. Green's [sic Nathanael Greene's] Army in Guilford County North Carolina, when the battle of Guilford was fought but I was not in the battle having been reserved to guard the baggage &c. I served three months & was regularly discharged. I then volunteered under Captain A. Gordon, Col Lock [sic, Francis Locke] & Malbrey [is this a reference to Robert Mebane or Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady?] marched by Camden & joined General Greene's Army at the high hills of Santee & marched from that place to the Eutaw Springs where we had a battle with the Enemy, after which I was sent to guard the prisoners to Salisbury North Carolina & after three months & a few days I was regularly discharged. I then volunteered under Captain Thomas Gordon & Col. Benjamin Herndon on a tour against the Cherokee Indians – marched by the Pleasant Gardens near the head of the Catawba River where the Army was stationed for a while. We then marched for some distance towards South Carolina & was discharged after a service of two months. I have not preserved any of my discharges supposing them to be of no value after the war. I have no documentary evidence of my services, but refer to the affidavits of James & John Alexander herewith filed who know of my services. I also refer to the Reverend Thomas Greer & Tilman Bobo or any other of my neighbors to prove my character for truth & by moral deportment. I was born in Wilkes County North Carolina on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1765 and have a record of my age which I produced to the court. After the revolutionary war I removed with my father to the State of Georgia where I lived about two years & removed to Union District South Carolina where I now reside. I do hereby relinquish all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Edmund Simpson, X his mark

Sworn to in open court.

S/ Jno B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

[standard certificate given by Rev. Thomas S. Greer and Tillman Bobo—names given as they appeared in the signatures of the affiants.]

[fn p. 14]South Carolina Union District: Personally came John Alexander of said District before me and on his solemn affirmation, saith, that he was well acquainted with Edmond Simpson in the time of the Revolutionary war, and that he served several towers [tours] of duty in the war, & to his belief was in several battles. Affirmed and subscribed before made this 18th day of September 1832.

S/ Frederick Jackson, JP

S/ John Alexander, X his mark

South Carolina Union District: Personally came James Alexander of said District, before me this day, and being duly sworn saith, that he was well acquainted with Edmond Simpson in the time of the Revolutionary War, and that said Edmond Simpson served several tours of duty in the war, and that to the best of his knowledge, he was in battle at the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs], and at Kings Mountain: Sworn to & subscribed before made this 18th of September 1832.

S/ Frederick Jackson, JP

S/ James Alexander, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]