

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Simson (Simpson) S25830

f36VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

2/27/12

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Mercer County: William Simpson came before me one of the Justices of the peace with the said County of Mercer in the State aforesaid and made oath that he is the same William Simpson to whom an original Certificate by him lodged in the office of the Secretary of War setting forth that he is an invalid in part, and the pension to which as such he is entitled Granted by John C Osborne & William McClure Commissioners Appointed by Judge Sitgroves, was given that he served in Morgan's Rifle Corps at the time he was disabled and that he now resides in the State of Kentucky and County of Mercer, and has resided there for about 12 years, previous to which he resided in the State of North Carolina and County of Rockingham and previous to that time in the County of Campbell in the State of Virginia.

Sworn to this 4th day of September 1817

S/ George W Thompson, JP MC

William Simson appears on the pension roll of North Carolina at \$2.50 per month increase by the act of Congress of the 24th of April 1816 to \$4.

It appears to be the object of the present application, to have his pension raised to the highest degree, and his name transferred to the roll of Kentucky.

War Department Pension Office September 23rd 1817

To the Honorable the Secretary of War of the United States of America

We whose names are hereto subscribed are Personally acquainted with William Simpson who appears by his Certificate of Oath to be entitled to a pension as an invalid whose served in Morgan's Rifle Corps & Captain Henderson's company at the time he was disabled, do certify that the said Simpson is now very infirm, appears to be about sixty years of age, that the wound he received is still a running sore, the Ball being still lodged in his body, that from his age and affliction of his wound, the \$30 annually as allowed by the War Department is insufficient for his maintenance and support, and that as an old soldier of our Revolutionary Struggle his is justly entitled to the further notice of the War Department

State of Kentucky Mercer County

September 4th, 1817

S/ Jesse Head

S/ George W Thompson

S/ Jos. Morgan

S/ Rob. B. McAfee

Simpson, William

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of North Carolina, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of

War, on May 22, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, clause 9, page 127.

Rank: Private

Regiment: 5th Virginia

Disability: Wounded by a musket ball, which entered the left side, near the region of the kidneys.

When and where disabled: 1776? Saratoga

Residence: Rockingham County

Remarks: Enlisted April 6, 1776, two years, discharged February '78

Evidence complete.

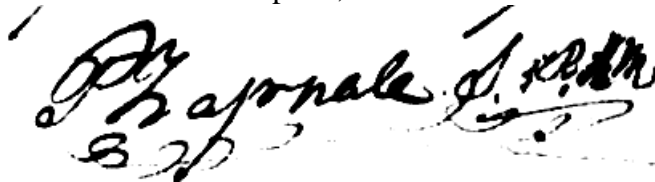
William Simson who is aged between 50 & 60 years old, he now lives in my neighborhood in Mercer County Shawnee Run State of Kentucky the said Simson has for many years been an Invalid & still continues unable to do hard labor (in the war before the last with Great Britain this said Simson belonged to Morgan's Rifle Corps & was wounded by a musket ball in his hip (Simpson enlisted as a Soldier in Bedford County formally, now Campbell County, in the State of Virginia: he enlisted first in Captain Terrell's Company but was taken in Captain William Henderson's Company of Riflemen the said Simpson removed to the State of North Carolina in Rockingham County & he was put on the pension list & was allowed \$30 per year & continued to receive his pension while he lived in North Carolina & until about the year 1812. Since that time he has received nothing as he now lives in Kentucky it is too great a distance for him to go to North Carolina if Mr. Simson was to go to Colonel R. M. Johnson & State is [sic, his] case to him I am very sure that Colonel would put him in the way to get his pension in this State if Colonel Johnson cannot do the business Simson may well give it up lay down & I which would make his friends uneasy & no one more so than

Shawnee Springs 16th of June 1817

S/ G. Thomson

This is to Certify that I Philip Trapnall Surgeon to the 5th Regiment of Kentucky Militia do upon oath state that I have examined a wound in the Groin of William Simpson which he states was occasioned by a ball received in battle from the lines of the enemy at Saratoga while in actual service of the United States as a Private in Morgan's Rifle Corps of Captain Henderson's company during the Revolutionary war which said wound is at this time the cause of a running sore and I have no doubt very much disables said Simpson who appears to be a man upwards of sixty years of age – and it is my opinion that his Pension ought to be increased to the highest rate allowed to privates in similar cases. Given under my hand this 5 day of September 1817

S/ P. Trapnall, S. ???

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip Trapnall" with a flourish underneath.

We the undersigned Physicians in the town of Harrodsburg State of Kentucky certify that we have examined the wound of the said William Simpson & have the same opinion which the said Doctor Trapnall entertains has the said wound is at present what [one or more indecipherable words] from appearance a running sore for many years past.

Given under our hands this 5th September 1817

S/ John A Tomlinson

S/ William Robertson

[Note: there are letters in the file that indicates that the veteran died in the middle of March 1819 survived by a widow whose name in 1842 is given as "Mrs. Polly Ann Sidner."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing in September 1817 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

The following all from the [Virginia State Library's](#) online digital collection:

I am extremely sorry to be so very Troublesome, but we have no other way to Ascertain the Disability of wounded Soldiers. May I beg the favor of you to examine the wounds of the Bearer Wm Simpson and certify the State of his Disability

I am Dr. Sir Y. Very Ob. Servt.

S/ J. Wood

Dec. 22, 1785

[addressed to Dr. Foushee or Dr. Dieper [?]]

On examination of Wm Simpson – find a Ball has entered his left side just below the Ribbs & having never been extracted the wound now discharges & as he says frequently has large collections of matter from it being totally closed for a few days at a time – this I believe maybe the case & must no doubt disable him in some measure from laboring hard, the only mode he says by which he can obtain a Living – am therefore of opinion that he ought to have some allowance from the Public –

S/ W. Foushee

The above William Simpson was a Soldier in the 6th Virginia Regiment & received the wound at the Battle of Saratoga.

S/ James Wood, Late B. G.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Wood, Late B. G." The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

3 Dollars p month