

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Emmerson S30401

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State of Kentucky }
Fayette County Sct }

On this 11th day of February 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Fayette County Court, now sitting Reuben Emmerson a resident of Fayette County and State of Kentucky, aged 86 years on Friday next [17 Feb; but see below] 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 he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated; He entered the service under Col Merreawether [sic: Meriwether], Major Frank Thorn [Francis Thorn], Capt James Mills & Lieut Bartlett Collins 4 March 1781 and left it the last of May 1781 – when he entered the service, he lived in Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County Virginia, he was drafted – he was in an action at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] against the British – he was commanded by Major Armstead [sic: Thomas Armistead] in the action, who was Adjutant of the Regt. he marched through the Counties of Caroline, Hanover and New Kent to Williamsburgh, where he remained upwards of two months, he was then marched to Springfield on James River, at Burrills Ferry [probably Burwell's Ferry, Hog Island in Surry County to Carter's Grove, James City County], where he continued a few weeks, and was then marched to the New Magazine above Williamsburgh, where he received a written discharge, signed by Col Holt Richardson which he lost about ten years ago. He was again drafted in July 1781, still residing in Spottsylvania County, and served under John Tankersley Capt, Col Mareawether & Major Jno Hardiman [John Hardiman], he marched to Williamsburgh through the same Counties as above, where he remained eight weeks as orderly Sergeant to a Hospital, in consequence of being qualified to bleed, he then marched to York, where Cornwallis was beseiged by Gen'l Washington, and remained there until the 17th Octo 1781, when he was discharged, verbally – during the seige he was occupied in digging trenches. The first time he served within a few days of three months and the second tour, upwards of three months, making in all at least six months, that he was in the service. The first tour he served he was commanded by Genl LaFayette, the second by Genl Washington & La Fayette both of whom he saw.

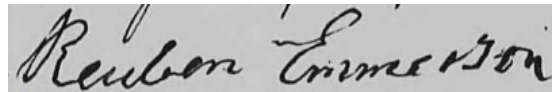
He was born in Caroline County Va. on the 15th Febr'y 1747 – there is a register of his age, left by his father, together with the ages of his brothers & sisters in a pocket book, which is in the possession of a son of his deceased brother Tilly, in Clark County Ky.

When he was called into the service he lived in Spottsylvania County Va. After the revolution, he lived in Caroline County until 1788, when he moved to Fayette County Ky. where he has lived ever since.

He refers to the following persons resident in his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. Thomas Shelby, James Vallandingham, Edmund Bullock, Charles Carr, and James Jinkins.

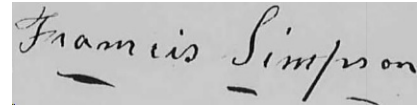
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year afd.



Whereas I am called on by Reuben Emmerson to state what I know relative to his services in the Revolutionary war I do hereby state that I have been acquainted with said Emmerson for some fifty odd years & that I recollect of having seen him in the army in the months of March & April in the year 1781 & was with him in a little engagement at Williamsburgh in Virginia – after that time I never saw him

until some time in September in the same year, at which time I saw him at a hospital about thirteen miles from YorkTown at which place I am of the opinion he was attending on the sick in some capacity or other – given under my hand & seal this 28th day of Jan’y A.D. 1833
Francis Simpson [pension application R9604]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Simpson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Wheras I am called on by Reuben Emmerson (my father) to state what I know relative to his services in the revolutionary War, in answer to which I state that I distinctly recollect that in the year 1781 (to the best of my recollection) that the said Reuben Emmerson entered the service of the United States in Spottsylvania County Virginia & remained in the service to the best of my knowledge & belief for something like six months & I understood that he was drafted during the time of his service given under my hand & seal this 8th day of July 1833 [signed] Dicey Nelson