

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Simmons S30704

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State of Kentucky Henry County: Sct.

Be it known that on the 24th day of September 1833 personally appeared before William McCracken a Justice of the Peace in and for Henry County Kentucky and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court William Simmons a resident of said County aged 81 years who from bodily infirmity cannot attend the proper court to make his declaration and to 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say being a resident of Prince William County Virginia he did on the \_\_ day of June 1777 as well as he remembers enter the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Peyton – that he rendezvoused with his company at Dumfries on the waters of the Potomac [River] where he was kept stationed during the whole of his tour in order to protect the country and its inhabitants from the depredations of the British who had come up the River in their vessels – That during his said tour he took several excursions against the enemy from his said place of station or Garrison but had no skirmish or Reencounter with them of any note. He states that he had no Colonel or other field officers during this tour and at the termination thereof he was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that on the \_\_ day of September in the year 1779 he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain James Payton – That he again rendezvoused with his Company at the town of Dumfries on the waters of the Potomac in Fairfax County Virginia. That this declarant lived in Prince William County Virginia. That at the place of Rendezvoused he came under the command of Colonel Ramsay and was marched from his said place of Rendezvoused with his own Company and various others to Fredericksburg Virginia where he remained with his said company as a guard for the stores at that place till the full expiration of his tour and was then discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that on the \_\_ day of December 1780 he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Valentine Peyton. That he rendezvoused with his company again at the town of Dumfries in Fairfax County Virginia – That he was there again attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ramsay – that he was marched from thence to Fredericksburg Virginia where he remained a short time – from thence he was marched to Williamsburg Virginia where he also remained a week or 2 from thence he was marched to York on York River where he stayed only a short time and was then marched down to near the mouth

of York River and the British were then in the neighborhood of them – they remained in that situation for some weeks endeavoring to protect the Country from the depredations of the British and he was then marched to Williamsburg in which direction the British followed – that the British entered Williamsburg and the troops with which he was serving retired after a slight skirmish – that he was then marched on to Richmond Virginia and there had a slight skirmish with the British forces who retreated to their vessels. He states that he then continued at Richmond till the expiration of his tour and was then discharged and returned home. He states that during this service the troops that he served with were under the command of General Weeden [George Weedon].

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person except his wife Nancy Simmons and Barick Bryan<sup>1</sup> whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 & year aforesaid

S/ William Simmons

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Simmons". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Interrogatories put to the above named Applicant by the said William McCracken Justice of the Peace &c as aforesaid –

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the state of Maryland in the year 1752

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have none; – it has been lost –

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Prince William County Virginia when called into service and there remained after the war for a number of years and about 34 years ago moved to Nelson County Kentucky where I lived about 3 years and then moved to Henry County Kentucky where I still live.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted upon all my services

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I recollect Colonel Brent – Colonel Peyton – Captain Little Captain Sandford of the regulars – Captain of Warren militia – Colonel Ramsay – General Weeden who were also militia – My services were performed on the rivers York and Potomac in endeavoring to protect the Country from the incursions & depredations of the British. At Williamsburg upon my last tour and at Richmond we had a brush with them though not of any considerable note.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

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<sup>1</sup> [Barrick Bryan W2993](#)

Answer. I do not at present recollect to have received any written discharge.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will name James Kidwell and Barick Bryan.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Simmons

[James Kidwell, a clergyman, and Barick Bryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The deposition of Nancy Simmons taken at the home of William Simmons in Henry County Kentucky on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 1833 who being first duly sworn upon her oath states that she is now about 90 years of age and is the wife of William Simmons of said County who is about making his application to be placed on the pension roll of the United States as a Revolutionary soldier. She states that she was married to the said William Simmons in the year 1778 as well as she remembers – That she knows that he performed services during the revolutionary war and she is certain that he was not out in the service upon less than 3 different tours of 3 months each and that he served them out fully and faithfully. She states that he is infirm in body so much so that he cannot attend court.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Nancy Simmons, X her mark

The deposition of Barick Bryan taken at his house in Henry County Kentucky on the 24th day of September 1833 who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath states that he is well acquainted with William Simmons of Henry County Kentucky who is about making his application to be placed on the pension roll of the United States as a revolutionary soldier. He states that he and said Simmons were boys together in Prince William County Virginia and that he knows that said Simmons performed several militia tours of duty in the revolutionary war how many however he cannot say but he thinks not less than three tours of three months each. He states that he this deponent is now about 87 years of age and is on the pension roll of the United States as a revolutionary soldier & as seen the said Simmons in the service. He states that he and said Simmons at this time lived neighbors in Henry County Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Barick Bryan, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]