

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Simpson S31365

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State of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

On this 18th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Jessamine County Court (now sitting) Robert Simpson a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 76 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by 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 in the spring of the year in the month of March 1779 he resided in Montgomery County Virginia near Fort Chism [Fort Chiswell] and volunteered under Captain Henry Francis at Chisms lead mine [Chiswell Lead Mines] for the purpose of suppressing the Tories, William Gleaves [probably William Glavis] Lieutenant & himself Ensign. We went from the lead mines and New River crossed Cripple Creek and went up New River to the three forks of the River the Tories fled before us. We took some prisoners & some got away then we returned home down the other side of the River & came back to the lead mines & there discharged without a written discharge after a tour of four weeks (as well as he recollects that That he served a tour as Ensign under Captain Robert Sawyer [probably Robert Sayers] and Colonel Campbell [probably either William Campbell or Arthur Campbell] in the same year (as above stated). We rendezvoused at the Chism lead mines we from thence crossed New River and went into North Carolina (then called the North State of Carolina) in Surry County and ranged some time in that County and came to the Moravian towns, where Colonel Campbell hanged a man, and after some time we came on to Harberts ferry on New River about three miles below the lead mines and crossed the River at said ferry and went up to the lead mines where we rendezvoused and there discharged after a tour of four weeks (as well as he recollects) without a written discharge that he knows of that in the same year in the month of August he served a tour as Ensign in Colonel Abraham Triggs [Abram Trigg's] Regiment Isaac Campbell Captain and his brother William Campbell Lieutenant we met at Chisms lead mines and went into the North state of Carolina crossing New River at Wallens bottom men from thence we went on and crossed the Adkin River [Yadkin River] in North Carolina and went through the Country to Salisbury and from thence back to the Moravian towns and from there on to Harberts ferry on New River and crossed and went up to the lead mines (We this tour rann [ran] some of the Tories off and brought some of them to trial) [word written over and indecipherable] then discharged without a written discharge after a tour of three weeks as well as he recollects.

That in the year 1780 in the month of May (as well as he recollects) he entered the service as second Lieutenant in Captain Robert Sawyers light horse Company in which James Mares was Lieutenant, that said Sawyer lived in a mile or 2 of Fort Chism on Reed Creek, we

rendezvoused at Fort Chism and went from there to the lead mines and went on and crossed Cripple Creek above the mines, thence up the River to Grayson County then crossed the River at Wallands bottom and ranged thence towards the Adkin River near the Shallow Ford where the Tories had crossed, We had a battle [October 14, 1780] with them (at that place) killed some, took some prisoners & others made their escape and ran off – Colonel Joseph Floyd [sic Joseph Cloyd] was our head commander in our Company as Rangers in this service it was our duty and we did range all through the Country round about in all most every direction for one year and three months for the purpose of suppressing the Tories was in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in the year 1781 and was under the command at that Battle of Captain John Thompson Sayers and Colonel William Preston – the Captain got wounded very bad & we got him off the battle ground and saved him from the British & he got home – this was a service as well as he recollects of one year & three months that he was discharged at Fort Chism by Captain Sawyer (of the light horse) and had a written discharge which was signed by said Sawyer which has been long since lossed [sic, lost?] or misplaced –

In the year 1781 he was called on by Captain Sanders to go and guard the magazine at the Chism lead mines and he went down as a private to the mines – was there placed under said Sanders as a guard – Colonel Lynch was the Overlooker or manager of the works – he served as well as he recollects three months and was then discharged by said Sanders without a written discharge as well as he recollects or believes – That he was born in Rockbridge County Virginia in the year 1756 – that he has no record of his age – that he was registered in a book that his father kept which has been lossed [lost] or destroyed; – that since the Revolutionary War he lived a part of the time in Wythe County Virginia and moved from there in the year 1795 to Kentucky where he has ever since lived & now lives in Jessamine County Kentucky – that he was a volunteer in the various services rendered by him – the names of the different Officers and general Circumstances of his service set forth in the foregoing – that he had a Commission as Lieutenant in the light horse of Captain Sawyer, that said Commission has been long since lost and he does not recollect by whom it was signed – no distinct recollection of ever having a Commission as Ensign (but to the best of his belief he had one) – that James Bryan, David Hockersmith [?], Benjamin Bryant, Edmond Bryant, James Trotter, David Major & Benjamin Netherland Jr. all persons to whom his [sic, he is] known in this County & the most of whom reside in his present neighborhood who can testify to his veracity and character for truth and also their belief of his services aforesaid –

That owing to the many deaths and removals and the length of time since the services were performed, he knows of no surviving witness who can testify to his services; that he knew Simpson whose affidavit is hereto annexed has departed this life since making the same and consequently he has no means of obtaining any better evidence than that affidavit there is on its face – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any state that he knows of –

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Simpson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Simpson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

[David Hocankersmith [?] and James Trotter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

This day Hugh Simpson<sup>1</sup> personally appeared before me Isaac Smith a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that Robert Simpson of Jessamine County served one tour of duty in Colonel Campbell's Regiment of the Militia in the State of North Carolina in the year 1777 or 1778 also one other tour of duty in the same Regiment in the year 1779 also one other tour of duty as 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Robert Sayers company of light horse of Colonel Jacob Floyd [sic, Joseph Cloyd] Regiment in the year 1780 also one other tour of duty in Colonel William Preston's Regiment in the year 1781. Said Hugh Simpson does not recollect distinctly the length of time he served. Sworn to before me this 17th day of September 1832

S/ Isaac Smith, JP WC

[Note: Veteran's original application was stated October 19, 1832 and filed in Jessamine County Kentucky. In this application he appears to give fewer details of his service than is set forth in the above transcribed amended application. Consequently, I elected not to transcribe it. In his original application, however, he does make reference to the fact that his company was on its march to Kings Mountain at the time it had its engagement with the Tories at the Shallow Ford. The veteran's original application was supported by the standard affidavit of Andrew Hoover, a clergyman and James Trotter.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$81.04 commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private of cavalry and infantry in the Virginia service; one year and 13 months in the cavalry and 5 months and 17 days in the infantry.]

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<sup>1</sup> Probably the same man as [Hugh Simpson S31363](#)