

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simon Terrell S32008

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State of Georgia, Franklin County} SS

On this Sixth day of April 1836 Personally appeared before Alvan Dean one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid (being a court of Record) Simon Terrell a resident of Captain Murray's District in the said County of Franklin and State of Georgia, aged Eighty-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832 (who is unable from bodily infirmity to appear in Court to make this declaration).

That he entered the service of the United States in the latter part of the year 1777 in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina where he then resided, and served in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Thaxton [sic, Lt. Col. James Thackston] (does not recollect the name of his Captain) and served as follows: From Chatham County he was marched into the State of Virginia, to Roanoke River, where he was taken sick, and got a furlough, and returned home, was in service this time one month (at least) he remained at home for some time, and again went several times into service, but from old age & the consequent loss of memory he is now unable to state said service particularly.

He again entered the service about the middle of September 1780 – in the said County of Chatham N.C., under Captain Duglas [sic, Edward Douglas], Major Cage [William Cage] & Colonel Luttrell [Lt. Col. John Luttrell], and was in an engagement with the British & Tories where his Brother was wounded, & he was employed the balance of the time in nursing and taking care of his wounded Brother, when on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 1780 – he was discharged by the said Colonel Luttrell, which said discharge he now has in his possession – served this time three months.

He again entered the service some time in the forepart of the year 1781 in the said County of Chatham N.C. as a Lieutenant under Captain Roper [Joseph Roper], & Colonel Dudley [Guilford Dudley?], was in several skirmishes with the British & Tories but is unable for the reasons stated before to give the particulars. Served three months this time and on his way home was taken prisoner by the British & Tories, and exchanged at the general exchange of prisoners in Charleston S. C. he thinks in 1782. Served in all seven months, three months of said time, as a Lieutenant, and all the time as a light horseman, and found his own horse – has no evidence in his power to procure except the discharge now sent & the Records of his having obtained a bounty warrant from the State of North Carolina.

He 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 of any State.

Interrogatory. 1<sup>st</sup> Was born in Orange County in the State of N. C. in the year 1755 27<sup>th</sup> of March. 2<sup>nd</sup> Has a record of his age, which is now in his possession

3<sup>rd</sup> Was living in Chatham County N. C. has lived in Pendleton District S. C. but now lives & has done so for 40 years past in Franklin County in the State of Georgia

4<sup>th</sup> Was always a volunteer, never served as a substitute.

5<sup>th</sup> Colonel James Thackston who he served under was a regular officer as he believes, he also knew, Captain Hadley, Colonel Mebane [Robert Mebane] & General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], who has dined with deponent – has related the general Circumstances of his Services as near as he can now recollect – in this declaration

6<sup>th</sup> To him as Soldier: has received one discharge from Colonel Luttrell, which is now enclosed, does not remember to have received any other, if he did they are lost.

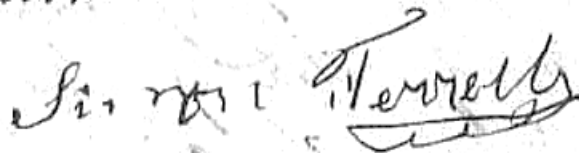
To him as officer: does not think that he ever received any Commission

7<sup>th</sup> Is known to Timothy Terrell & Thomas Davis who can certify as to my character & veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution – there is no preacher of the Gospel residing in this neighborhood.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ Alvan Dean, JIC

S/ Simon Terrell

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

[Timothy Terrell and Thomas Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from a book in this Office that a warrant for six hundred and forty acres of land was issued in December 1797 for the services of Simon Terrell as a private Soldier in the revolutionary war, and of the line of this State that said Warrant was issued on the certificate of a field Officer and for the quantity of acres allowed a Soldier for the war.

Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1836.

S/ W. Hill

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Raleigh 25<sup>th</sup> of July 1836

Sir: Your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant with the accompanying documents were received this morning. The State of North Carolina did not grant of land for militia services to any but officers and Soldiers of the regular Continental line, and of them, to such only as served two years or upwards, or to such as were in the service in October 1782 and continued to the close of the war.

I am, very respectfully your obedient servant,

S/ W. Hill

Geo. W. Crump, Esqr.

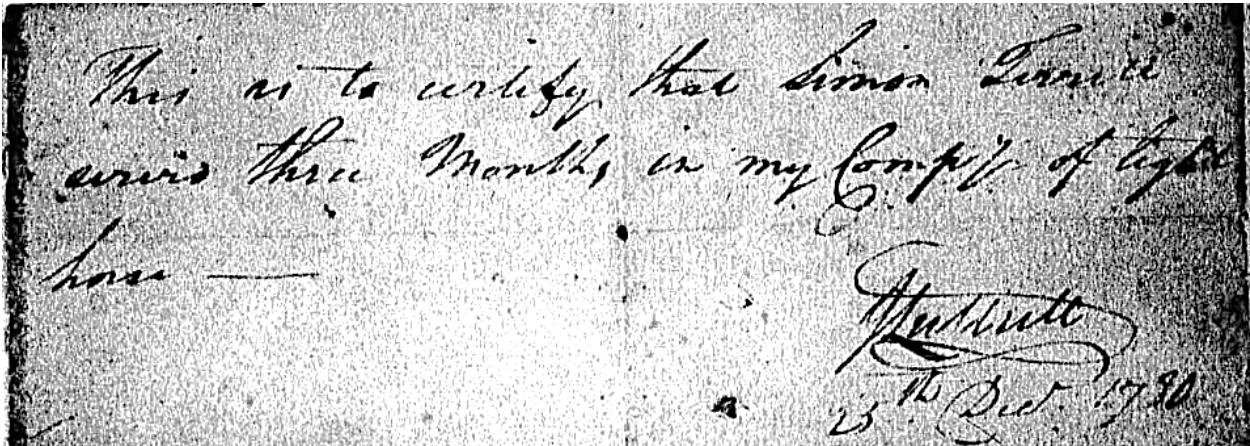
[p 33: Philimon Hodges<sup>1</sup> [sic, Philemon Hodges] and a pensioner for his services during the revolutionary war gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he was aware of the reputation of Simon Terrell as a soldier of the revolution.]

“This is to certify that Simon Terrell served three Months in my Compy of light horse.

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1 [Philemon Hodges S32326](#)

S/ J. Luttrell  
25<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1780



This is to certify that Simon Linnell  
served three Months in my Comp<sup>y</sup> of Light  
horse —

J. Luttrell  
25<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1780

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.16 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental Dragoons for 7 months.]