

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Augustin Sims: S32520

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State of Illinois            } SS  
Morgan County            }

On this 3<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned, Judges of the County Commissions Court of Morgan County Augustin Simms, a resident of said County of Morgan and State of Illinois, aged seventy one years the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834, who being first duely sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That was drafted into the service of the united states in the year 1781 and in March in said year under the following named officers and served as herein stated

The petitioner states that was a resident of the County of Henry in the State of Virginia and about nineteen years old when he entered the service of the United States and served three months in a company commanded by Capt. George Harston [sic: Hairston], and in a Regiment commanded by Col. Abraham Penn untill we joined the main army and after that we were under the command of Col. [St. George] Tucker. We Rendezvoused at Henry Courthouse in the State of virginia and from thence we marched to Guilford [sic: Guilford] Courthouse in North Carolina and joined Gen. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army two days after the battle at Guilford [15 Mar 1781]. from thense we pursued Cornwallis as far as Deep River in said state of North Carolina, and there I was attached to Col. Lees [Henry Lee's] core of horse and infantry. From thence we marched to Santee River in South Carolina to a place called Right's bluff [sic: Wright's Bluff in present Clarendon County SC] and there attacked a fort occupied by the British, called "Rights Bluff fort [Fort Watson], and after a siege of seven days [15 - 23 Apr 1781] we took possession of said fort. From thence we marched up said River to fort Mott [Fort Motte in present Calhoun County SC] and took possession of said fort after a siege of 9 days and nights [8 - 12 May]. From thence we marched up Santee to the mouth of Congaree to a fort called Fridays fort [see note below] and made an attack upon it, and it was immediately surrendered. and upon the same day I was discharged from the service (The three months for which I had entered the service haveing expired)

In July 1781 I was drafted into the service of the united states for the term of three months under the command of Capt Hayman Crite [sic: Haman Critz] (being still a citizen of the same County and state) Rendez again at Henry Courthouse in the state of virginia. From thence we marched to the Moblin Hills [Marvin Hill in Henrico County VA] twenty five miles below Richmond on James River and there we were placed in a Regiment commanded by Col [Holt] Richardson - which Regiment was attached to the main army under the command of Gen LaFayette [sic: Lafayette] where we remained about two weeks From thence we marched through Richmond Virginia to a Town called Newcastle Va [now Old Church] From thence down the Pamunky [sic: Pamunkey] River to the mouth of the Matapini [sic: Mattaponi at West Point] untill the end of three months for which time I had entered the service when and where I was regularly discharged by Capt Crite

my certificate of service, or discharge was destroyed by fire - my house having also been burned - and I am thereby prevented from presenting any documentary evidence of my service, and I further state that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Augustin Sims

NOTES:

The battle at "Friday's fort" apparently refers to the siege of Fort Granby at Friday's Ferry near Columbia SC, 2 - 15 May 1781. Lee's troops joined the siege on 14 May.

On 24 Aug 1844 Augustin Sims applied to have his pension transferred to Jasper County MO. He stated that in Sep 1840 he had moved from Morgan County IL to Dade County

MO with his children with whom he lived, and had moved from there to Jasper County on 5 Jul 1844. He subscribed the application with his mark rather than signature. James Sims and Margaret Sims certified his identity.