

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cuthbert Sims (Syms) S33674

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In the case of Cuthbert Sims of the Township of Warren in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey claiming to be entitled to a Pension under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary War."

State of New Jersey Middlesex County: Be it known that on this second day of April in the year of our Lord 1818 before me Thomas House one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Middlesex came Cuthbert Sims the applicant above named and being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he enlisted about the first of January in the year 1777 at Queens Creek near York Town [Yorktown] in Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hamilton in Colonel George Gibson's Regiment called the first Virginia State Regiment on the Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in said Regiment against the common enemy until the 24th day of December in the year 1779 when he received his discharge at Philadelphia from Lieutenant Colonel Allison or Ellison of said Regiment the Regiment being one on his return to Virginia to be discharged. – And this deponent further saith that John Powers¹ of New Brunswick in New Jersey was a soldier in the said Regiment. – And this deponent further saith that his discharge was by him delivered to one Jesse Alexander to whom he sold his right to land granted by the State of Virginia – and that he this deponent from the time of his discharge as aforesaid has resided in the State of New Jersey and continued a resident citizen of the United States and that he is now by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his country for support. –

Sworn & subscribed this 2nd April 1818 before me

S/ Thos. Hance

S/ Cuthbert Sims, X his mark

State of New Jersey Middlesex County SS: John Powers of the city of New Brunswick in New Jersey to me well-known being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Cuthbert Sims the applicant – that the said Cuthbert Sims was a Soldier for several years together with this deponent in the 1st Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment – that they were both in the advance party at the attack on Stony Point and were afterwards in December 1779 regularly discharged at Philadelphia.

Sworn & subscribed the 2nd April 1818 before me

S/ Thos. Hance

S/ John Powers

¹ FPA W8522

John Powers

State of New Jersey Somerset County: SS

On this 15th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas now sitting Cuthbert Syms a resident of the County of Somerset aforesaid aged seventy-seven years in December next, 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 by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted at Queens Creek in the Army of the United States in December in the year 1776 with Thomas Hambleton [Thomas Hamilton] Captain and served in the first State Regiment of Virginia under the following officers – Captain Thomas Meriwether – Major John Allison – Colonel Gibson – General Muhlenberg – served three years – Discharged by Lieutenant Colonel John Allison – discharge was in writing – is now lost – He lived in Northumberland County – Fairfield Parish – State of Virginia when he enlisted – He was in the battles of Kings bridge [January 17, 1777?] – General Scott Commanding & at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] on the North River (General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] commanding). He was also enlisted for one-year in the service of the State of Virginia in March 1776 on board the *Protector* Privateer under Captain Robert Conway – served nine months; then joined the land service as above stated. He was born in Northumberland County State of Virginia in December 1756. He remained there until he joined the Army. Since the revolution he has resided in Somerset County New Jersey. He has his age from his father's Bible which is now in his possession. He has no documentary evidence of his said services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Wm B. Gaston

S/ Cuthbert Syms, X his mark

[Morgan R. Cox, a clergyman, and William D. Stewart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

John Pennington² being duly sworn on his oath saith that he knew the above named Cuthbert Sims in the time of the Revolution & knows he served as a soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

S/ John Pennington

John Pennington

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

² FPA S3670