

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sims S37395

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Garrard County to wit

June Term 1818

William Sims came into court & maketh oath before the Honorable William L Kelly presiding Judge that he is now 59 years of age, that he enlisted in the beginning of the year 1778 as a soldier in the Army of the United States during the American Revolution under Captain Charles Fleming belonging to the 7th Regiment Continental line commanded by Colonel \_\_\_ Russell afterwards by Colonel William Heath [William Heth] – General Wm Woodford's Brigade for the term of five years he states that he served faithfully during his term of service & obtained a discharge which discharge he says has been lost by some accident for probably three 20 [sic] years he also states that there is no person in this state that he knows of by whom he could prove the above facts. He says he is old, infirm and in very reduced circumstances and stands in great need of the assistance of his government.

S/ W. Sims



I do hereby authorize Georgia Robertson to draw for me whatever Pensioned the Government may give me in consequence of the foregoing Petition

S/ William Sims



Kentucky District Sct.

On this 22nd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the said district William Simms [sic] age 61 years resident in Garrard County in said District, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War under Captain Charles Fleming in the 7th Regiment under the command of Colonel William Heath after the 3rd & 7th Regiment was consolidated for during the war – he served out his term and got a discharge – he has obtained a pension under Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day

of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

1 Negro man upwards of 40 years of age worth	\$400
2 horses of the value of	100
10 head of cattle of the value of	50
20 head of hogs of the value of	20
Household Furniture of the value of	20
Kitchen Furniture	<u>10</u>
	\$600
13 sheep	<u>13</u>
	\$613

He owes upwards of \$400 and he believes his whole estate would hardly pay it –

He has a wife aged 54 very helpless and infirm – and four children and an infant grand child living with him – all his children daughters – one aged 25 years so infirm as not to be able to support herself – one aged 23 years one about 18 – and one aged 14 – his own occupation agriculture.

S/ William Sims

[Note: Veteran filed additional applications in 1822 and 1823 in which he described the diminishment in the personal property owned by him in order to qualify for the reinstatement of his pension. I have elected not to transcribe those documents but they may be of interest to descendents of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 25, 1818, for service as a private for 5 years in the Virginia Continental line.]