

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Simpson S37396

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State of Kentucky Hickman County Sct} Circuit Court May Term 1827

On this 15th day of May 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County of Hickman Jeremiah Simpson who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that the said Jeremiah Simpson entered for the Term of three years on the 19th of May 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain David Scott in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson In the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 3rd of June 1780 when he was discharged from the service in Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the rolls of any State except Virginia and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension.

That it was not until the year 1825 that he became so destitute of property and weakened by age & infirmities as to make it absolutely necessary to throw himself on his Country or friends for a Support that owing to his frantic [?]¹ situation he did not for near a year that is until sometime in the year 1826 get proper directions of the manner of applying for a pension that he then made application according to the best advice he had but his declaration [?]² has been returned and his hopes disappointed until now.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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

Two Cows and two yearling calves worth \$30

1 *frantic*

2 *declaration*

S/ Jeremiah Simpson

I am a Carpenter by trade but am now too infirm to Labour. I was born in Virginia of [sic] the 1st day of January 1756 & was seventy-one years old the 1st day of last January. I have no children who live with me having no house of my own. I live with my son in law Charles Hamilton in Hickman County Kentucky he also is poor and rents land having none of his own and I am in such indigent Circumstances that I cannot support myself without the aid of Government except by private or public Charity.

In 1818 I owned six head of horses and I think nine head of horned cattle & small stock of hogs, my wife was then with me & kept our little together without much change until her death in 1822. I continued to keep house until 1825 & in the meantime I believe the Indians stole my horse & two others died. I went to live with my son Joshua & after his death in 1826 I went to Charles Hamilton's and sold one of my horses for \$16 in money which I have made use of. My son Moses sold another for which I can get no return and my remaining nag I swapped last fall for two cows and calves mentioned in the schedule above my other stock after breaking up housekeeping in 1825 were sold by my son, Moses for me and I am told for about \$80 but I can get none of it from him.

Sworn to and declared the 15th day of May 1827

S/ Jeremiah Simpson

I Richard Taylor clerk pro tempore of the court for the circuit aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the record of said court and that it is in the opinion of said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in said schedule is thirty dollars.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal of Office this 15th day of May 1827 and in the 35th year of the Commonwealth

S/ Richard Taylor

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 18th, 1827, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

Addendum to Jeremiah Simpson S37396

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 28 May 2021.

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Do hereby Certify that Jerimiah Simpson Sergeant in the ninth Virginia enlisted the 19th day of May 1777 for the term of three years and served untill the 2d day of June 1780. Given under my hand this 24th March 1784.

(Copy) Cha. Jones Clk

Lewis Thomas [S37489] late Capt 7th Virg'a Reg't
Countersigned James Wood B.G. [BLWt2419-500]

Sir/ Please to Settle my Acct and receive my land warrant. Jeremiah Simpson
Mr David Gray