

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Charles Simpkins S39070

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State of South Carolina } By the honorable John Simkins Esquire judge of the
Edgefield District } Court of Ordinary for the district and State aforesaid

To all to whom these present shall come Greetings:

Know ye that Charles Simpkins resident in the district and State aforesaid did this day appear before me and make oath upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he first enlisted for three years in the army of the United States of America and [illegible word] that period expired for the whole war on the continental establishment in Calvert County in the State of Maryland under Capt. Williams of Montgomery County in the same state belonging to the Seventh regiment of Maryland troops, commanded by Colonel [John] Gunby who was commanded by Gen'l. George Washington in the month of September 1776. That he was at and fought in the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and also at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. that he then entered Wilmington still commanded by Col. Gunby, who was commanded by Brigadier Gen'l. [William] Smallwood. That he came commanded by Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates, to Hillsborough No. Carolina, thence to Camden [SC] where Gates was defeated [16 Aug 1780], thence back to Guilford No. Ca. where Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene commanded [after 2 Dec 1780] thence to the battle of Eutaw So. Ca. [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] after being at Ninty Six [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. this deponant further swears that he served faithfully from the period he first enlisted till the evacuation of Charlestown in [14 Dec] 1782 - from whence he went with the other Maryland troops by water to Annapolis in Maryland where he was discharged. That his discharge entitled him to one hundred acres of land besides back pay due, which this deponant sold, when he parted with his discharge which he gave to one Clark a publican in Annapolis to whom he sold his land with his back pay. That he further saith on oath that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the aid of his Country for support.

In testimony that the said Charles Simpkins did this day make oath of the truth of the above affidavit I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of June 1818.

[signed] Jn Simkins O.E.D.

[signed] Charles Simpkins

State of South Carolina } On this fourth day of October 1820, personally appeared in
District of Edgefield } open Court being a Court of record for the said District
and State Charles Simpkins aged seventy years resident on Stephens Creek in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as following, viz, in the seventh Maryland Regiment, in Capt. Williams Company (afterwards being commanded by other Captains), of the Maryland line, that he is now on the pension roll by virtue of the act of 18 March 1818 his original Certificate being dated on the 13 day of June 1818, and has already received two pensions and part of a third — And I do solemnly swear that I was resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th dy of March, 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with an intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 or Estate real personal or mixt, except a few clothes, (a schedule of which is not required to be given in or subscribed) — That he is old and so infirm that he can not now pursue his former occupation of a school-master, that he has no family whatever, never having been married and has no one to whom he can look or from whom he can expect support but has been for years dependant on charity. Signed/ Chas Simpkins