

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Simpson S40430

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State of Ohio Sct. Be it remembered that on the twenty seventh day of July Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighteen on the Independence of the United States the 43^d and of our State the 16th personally came before me the Subscriber president of the Court of Common pleas of the Second Circuit John Simpson Ross County who after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he is in his sixty sixth year of his age or thereabout as nigh as remembered, that he enlisted near Winchester Virginia in spring of seventy six (as he believes) [see endnote] in Captain's company called Barry eighth regiment Virginia line as numbered on our buttons commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman in General [Charles] Scott's Brigade for two years, marched to Phi'a. and there drawed clothing & guns and on march from there met the enemy in New York state at place not recollected and first battle he was in was at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [sic: 28 June 1778], battle he was engaged and also German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] then marched toward Virginia State and through it and assisted in penning Cornwallace up in Little York and was at the taking of him & his army [Siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and was shortly after discharged, which is lost by ways unknown to affiant. and that he has no further or other evidence in his possession or power, and that from affiant's reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of the Country for support.

John hisXmark Simpson

State of Ohio, Pickaway County } SS.
Court of Common Pleas }

On this twenty fourth day of April Anno Domini on thousand eight hundred & twenty-one personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record in & for the County and State aforesaid, John Simpson aged sixty-nine years, a Resident of Pickaway County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, (to wit) He enlisted into Captain Berry's Company eighth Virginia Regiment of Infantry on Continental establishment as a private soldier at Winchester, Virginia, but the day of the month, or even the year he cannot now state, being old and forgetful, but he enlisted for the Term of two years, and served faithfully that term of time - was in the battles of Brandywine & Germantown At the expiration of his said enlistment after serving two full years, he was honourably discharged at Valley Forge, which said discharge is now lost by time & accident. He further states that he applied for and obtained a pension and procured a certificate of being placed on the pension Roll of the Ohio Agency at eight dollars per month commencing on the twenty-seventh day of July 1818 Numbered 7.500 —

And 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with 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; 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 —

Schedule

Real Estate. None

Personal estate. None

Mixed property. None

I am sixty-nine years of age, and very feeble and wholly unable to perform any kind of labor. I have no family, no house & no real home, though stay in this County. While I was able to work I worked on a farm and was a day-laborer. I now live on the Charity of my friends and such as treat me well for the good I have done my Country in my better days and further I say not.

John hisXmark Simpson

NOTE: Capt. Thomas Berry's rifle company was raised in Frederick County VA in March 1776 and attached to the 8th VA Reg. at the time it was commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenberg. The company with others in the regiment marched first toward Charleston SC and arrived during or shortly after the Battle of Sullivan's Island, 28 June 1776. The regiment then went to Sunbury GA, and from there back to VA, where the troops had a furlough around Christmas 1776. The regiment then went north, where Muhlenberg was promoted to General, and command of the regiment devolved to Abraham Bowman. After participating in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, those who were still serving terms of two years or more encamped at Valley Forge and were discharged there before spring of 1778. If Simpson was at the Siege of Yorktown it was probably as a militiaman.