

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Simmons S40434

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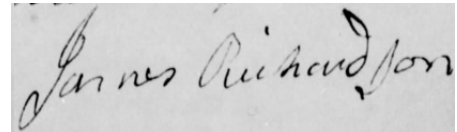
State of Maryland, City and County of Baltimore Ss.

On this Twenty Seventh day of April, 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the associate Judges of the City Court, in and for the City of Baltimore, in the State aforesaid, personally appears William Simmons aged fifty four years, resident in the said City of Baltimore in the state aforesaid, who being by me duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said William Simmons enlisted in Chester Town Kent County, in the State of Maryland aforesaid, the Company commanded by Captain James Woolford Gray of the first Maryland Regiment, in the month of July, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the peace when he was discharged from service in Frederick Town in the State aforesaid, that he was in the battles of the seige of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and Blueford River [unknown], in South Carolina and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. William hisXmark Simmons

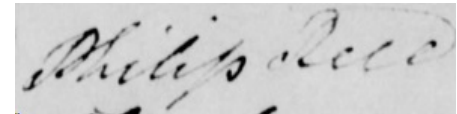
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on this Twenty Seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen personally appeared before me the undersigned, James Richardson, and made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he is acquainted with William Simmons, that he the Deponant and William Simmons were both enlisted at the same time in Chester Town Kent County State of Maryland in a Company commanded by Captain John Hawkins of the eighth Maryland Regiment in the month of July 1780 for the term of three years & were afterwards drafted and transferred into other Regiments the said William Simmons was transferred to Capt James Woolford Grays company of the 1st Maryland Regiment – Sworn to & subscribed before me



I Certify that William Simmons to whom this is given was a soldier in the war of the revolution, and one of the Maryland Line. That I have reason to believe and do believe that he served a considerable time in the army during the war, and to the end thereof. Given under my hand this 30th day of August 1818

Philip Reed Capt. of the Maryland
Line in the revolutionary war



SCHEDULE.

United States of America

State of Maryland, Harford County Ss:

ON this 28th day of Augt. 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, that is to say, Harford County Court William Simmons aged sixty one years, resident in Harford County aforesaid in said State who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he

served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: That he was enlisted at Chester Town on the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland by Col. Richard Boardley, first mustered under Cap John Hawkins, ordered to Annapolis under Captain Sheppard, from thence sent on an expedition to Philadelphia with Horses, returned to Annapolis joined the 2^d Regiment Md Line in Cap. Woolford Grays Company, in which Company & Reg. continued to serve the U. States on the Continental establishment to the end of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Frederick Town in said state, as will appear by reference to his Certificate of discharge bearing date October 1783. That he hath been placed on the Revolutionary Pension Roll of the Maryland agency as will also fully appear by his Pension Certificate bearing date 9th day of July 1818, and numbered on the back

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 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.

Schedule referred to within Viz't.

That his property consists of one Cow & yearling valued @	\$15.00
Four Shoats or pigs	\$10.
One small plow hoe axe &c	\$5 15.—
Half a dozen old rush bottomed chairs	2.—
One pine Table & one mahogany breakfast D'o both old	5.—
Two Iron pots, Kettle, baker, old andirons &c &c	5.—
Some trifle of Crockery ware water buckets knives forks &c	5.—
	<u>\$47.00</u>

Applicant hath also purchased an old mare for which he hath promised to pay \$20. also an old one horse cart worth about \$10 but neith of them being paid for does not conceive it to be correct for him to return them – That he hath no trade, rents about Ten acres of poor Land, for which he pays \$50. per annum, but the Cultivation of which & the Pension he receives for his Revolution'y services he makes out to live in a very frugal way. That his family consists of his wife named Elizabeth upwards of thirty years of age. Son Joseph 10 years, James 7 years & John 2 years of age, and were it not for the assistance of his Pension aforesaid it would not be in his power to support himself, except by private or public charity, as he is greatly afflicted with Rheumatic pains &c &c

Wm. hisXmark Simmons

NOTE: On 10 Nov 1826 William Simmons applied to have his pension transferred to Ohio, having moved to Stark County "to improve his situation."