

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Sims S46524

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South Carolina Richland district }

Before me Langdon Cheves one of the Associate Judges of the State aforesaid, personally appeared Edward Sims and made oath that he served as a private soldier in the regular Army of the United States in the revolutionary war in the second Virginia Regiment in Captain Boyer's Company, attached to the infantry under Colonels Washington [William Washington] and Kirkwood ; that he enlisted sometime in the spring of the year 1780, and was discharged sometime in the year 1782, to the best of his recollection, having enlisted during the war; and that he was discharged in consequence of a wound which he received in the Service. That in attempting to burn a house near the Fort at the siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781],¹ in the State aforesaid, accompanied by a Sergeant and eight men besides much himself, he received a wound in his ankle, of which he has been lame ever since; and with which he has often been laid up for a week at a time; that he is now old and infirm, and from his reduced circumstances requires the assistance of his country; that he does not at this time receive nor has he received a pension from the State nor from the United States for his support; that he received a regular discharge at McCord's ferry in this State to pass him through the Country to head quarters, to be placed on the list of invalids; but that being unable to travel, he has remained in this state ever since, and that he gave the aforesaid discharge to either General Winn [Richard Winn], or a Mr. Craig to enable them to receive his pay, and that he has never had it since; that while in the hospital, he was under the care of Dr. Brownfield, Surgeon of the United States hospital, as will appear by his certificate² herewith transmitted.

S/ Edward Sims, ES his mark

Sworn to before me this 14th of November 1818

S/ Langdon Cheves

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I do Certify that Edward Sims was a Soldier in the American Revolutionary War in the Virginia line, A detachment was taken from the said line to act as light Infantry to Colonel Washington's Regiment of Cavalry, which Detachment I commanded as Lieutenant which was my rank in the said Virginia line; at the siege of Ninety Six in 1781 in an unsuccessful attempt to burn the Abbittes at the Spring Redoubt, the above named Edward Sims was shot through the Heel, & out

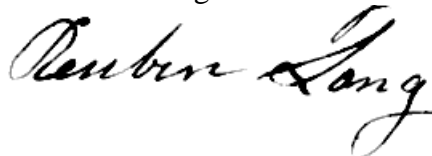
¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

² I did not see any such certificate in this file.

of a Sergeant and twelve men that was sent to accomplish the above attempt only one escaped but what was killed or wounded; The above Circumstances (being remarkable) I have ever retained to this day & am willing at any time to be qualified to the same.

Given under my hand at Stateburg this 18th of November 1818

S/ Reuben Long³



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State of South Carolina

Captain Reuben Long, who has signed the within certificate, being duly sworn made oath before me, that all the facts stated therein are true to the best of his knowledge & believe. And he further states that he is perfectly acquainted with the person of the within named Edward Sims & saw the wound which he received immediately after he received the same; that the said Sims was then under his command as one of a Corps of infantry detached for the purpose of acting as light infantry with Colonel Washington's Regiment of Cavalry, & which Corps was, as this deponent again asserts, then under the command of Colonel Washington; that he believes the said Sims was taken from the company commanded by Captain Bozier [?]⁴ of Colonel Campbell's [Lt. Col. Richard Campbell's] Regiment of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, & also that he was more than nine months in service; And this deponent further adds, that he himself was then a Lieutenant in the Regiment called at that time the 2nd of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, and commanded by Major Sneed [Smith Sneed]

S/ Reuben Long

Sworn to & subscribed this 8th of November 1819 before me


S/ Jno. Waties

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South Carolina Richland District} On this 24th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said District Edward Sims aged sixty-one years resident in the said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

viz. in the second Regiment of the Virginia line under Colonel Bluford [Abraham Buford?] in Boyers Company afterwards transferred to the command of Colonel Howard [John Eager Howard] in Captain Wallaces Company and was at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]⁵ in South Carolina afterwards in a detachment which was taken from the line of Virginia Troops to act as Light Infantry to Colonel Washington's Regiment of Cavalry & was at the siege of Ninety Six under Lieutenant Reuben Long acting as Captain. That he has applied for and obtained a pension certificate of \$8 per month up to the 4th of March 1820 which said certificate is registered in the office of the Secretary of War in Book B volume 9 page 163 and I do

³ [Reuben Long S46457](#)

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⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

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 viz.

200 Acres of Pine Land valued at	\$200
1 Mare valued at	10
4 Cows valued at	40
20 Hogs valued at	20
4 Sheep valued at	8
Household furniture valued at	50

And this declarant further states that he is a farmer by occupation but in consequence of his age and infirmities is not able to do much work. That he has five children living and residing with him one of whom a daughter has been married but whose husband is deceased leaving three small children who all reside with this declarant and are supported by him.

S/ Edward Sims, ES his mark

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State of South Carolina

For the purpose of obtaining the Benefits of the Act of Congress entitled an act for the Relief of certain officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th day of May, I Edward Sims of Richland District in the State of South Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for & during the war, & continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Boyer's Company of the 2nd Virginia Regiment, & that I was an invalid & unable from wounds to go from South Carolina, to the North in due time to report myself for the pension I was entitled to. I further declare that afterwards, I delivered to James Craig Esquire, my certificate, furlough or discharge & also a power of attorney to collect whatever might be due to me from the United States by virtue of those documents, I suppose & believe, his agent General Richard Winn, a member of the House of Representatives United States, from South Carolina, did receive the certificate for me of the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under the Resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778, and which was duly received by me.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th May 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this 7th day of July in the year 1828.

S/ Edward Sims, SS his mark

[p 12: On July 14, 1853 in Fairfield District South Carolina, John Sims, 64, Duke Sims, 52 and Rachel Curlee, 58, filed a claim stating they are the only surviving children of Edward Sims deceased who was a private soldier (a drummer they think) in the revolutionary war and pensioned at the rate of \$96 per year; that he was dropped from the rolls in 1820 on account of property; that their father died September 11, 1832 and that their mother, the wife of said Edward, died before him and that he did not marry again.

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Rachael ~~the~~ Currier
W. A. H.
Duke Sims
John ~~the~~ Sims
Marr.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 14, 1818 for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

Addendum to Edward Sims S46524

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also includes a copy of the federal pension application.]

His Excellency Gov'r Floyd [John Floyd of Virginia] Columbia [SC] July 23d 1830

Sir Edward Sims enlisted under Capt Boyer; Frebreceer Leut. or Full Col. [sic: Col. Christian Febiger VAS675] of his Regiment, in the Virginia Line of Continentals. he fought at [illegible] at the Cowpens at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] & at the siege of Ninety Six – after his first elistment he was transfered from Company to Company until at the Siege of Ninety Six he was attached to a Light Infantry Company commanded by Capt. Reuben Long which was sometimes Marched to Col Wm Washingtons Corps of Cavalry. He volunteered to go on the forlorn Hope at ninety Six, to fill up the fosse & break down the abbatis [sic: abatis] preparatory to a storm intended by Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], & was one of three out of the whole party who escaped without being made prisoner or were killed – being nevertheless badly wounded. I have been instrumental in placing him on the Pension List which from his age his large family & his poverty and from his Services & suffering he was well entitled to. His discharge was sent on to Philadelphia by Gen'l R. Winn [Richard Winn] then Representative in Congress very many years ago in order to try receiving his arrearages of Pay where it is supposed to have been lost or after being transfered to the City of Washington to have been burned in the War Office – he received his pay at that time procured for him by Gen'l Winn. To supply this loss in his late application for a pension he procured the Certificate of Maj'r R Long; the Capt under whom he last served who[?] of his serving & of his gallantry in his last action at 96. also the Certificate of Dr Brownfield [Robert Brownfield BLWt306-300] of his being under his care in the Hospital attached to Green's Army These are now in the Treasury of the United States

A Mr Anthony Evans of Bedford County Virg'a has informed him by Letter that there is a Warrant for Land due to him by your State & offers to procure the Warrant for one half. I thought the Terms hard upon an old Continental & therefore have advised him not to reply to this friendly offer until I can obtain some Information on the subject from you – and I, taking it for granted that you (whom I never saw but whom I know perfectly well); would consider it no trouble to aid the Worn out Veteran in obtaining what is justly due to him have taken the Liberty to make this application for him. I have known Sims for forty years & believe every fact concerning him as above stated to be true. The Certificates above alluded to can be obtained or

Copies of them – will any other Testimony be required to enable him to obtain his Land Warrant
– any other Information as to right of Location will be thankfully
received – with great respect I am/ your Excellency's most/ ob't Ser't

John Taylor late Gov'r SC (1826-1828]

[there is a postscript that is mostly undeciphered]