

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Simmons S4672

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State of Tennessee Grainger County

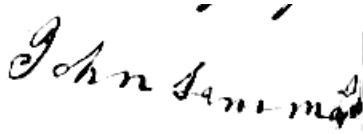
On this 18th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court, John Simmons a resident citizen in the County of Grainger and State of Tennessee aged eighty years on the first day of December last past (1832), who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That [several words overwritten and illegible] in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 and under Captain John Buster [?] in the Regiment commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and Colonel James Martin and Colonel John Pastley [sic, John Paisley]. I resided in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina when I was drafted for and served a three months tour under Captain Buster and was marched from Guilford Court House to Salisbury in the state of North Carolina. From Salisbury we marched against the Cherokee tribe of Indians upon the Tennessee River where we remained until I term of service had expired and then we returned home. In the fall of the same year (1776) I volunteered and served one month under Captain Buster Colonel Paisley and Major Owans [sic, Owens] in an expedition against a party of Tories encamped on the Haw River – and after dispersing the Tories we returned home.

In the year 1779 I was elected and served as Lieutenant under Captain Glenn's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Paisley at Rockingham Court House in the State of North Carolina and marched from thence to Guilford Court House where we rendezvoused; we marched from Guilford Court House to Deep River in Randolph County where we were stationed for a few days, and after remaining there, some short time we returned home. We were gone in this expedition against the Tories five or six weeks. In the year 1781 – I was again called into service (then retaining my commission as Lieutenant) by Colonel Paisley and served three months under Captain William Glenn in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Paisley at Guilford Court House and from thence we marched to Salisbury where we remained until I was discharged. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Simmons



Interrogatories required to be propounded by the Court (to wit)

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Bertie County in the State of North Carolina on the first day of December 1752.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age at home in my Bible.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. [Illegible word written over] first tour of service I lived in Guilford County afterwards Rockingham and State of North Carolina then during the rest of my tours I was living in Rockingham County until the termination of the War, when I moved to Greenville District and State of South Carolina where I resided until sometime in March 1801 when I moved to Grainger County and State of Tennessee where I have lived ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. For the first 3 months tour I was drafted, for the second tour I volunteered and for the third and fourth times I was commissioned by Colonel Paisley as a Lieutenant under Captain Glenn.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. The Officers under whom first I served were General Rutherford, Colonel Martin, Colonel Paisley, Major Owens and Captain Buster and Captain Glenn. For the general circumstances of my service I would refer to the body of my declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I did receive my discharge from my Officers under whom I served but I have long since lost or mislaid them.

7<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a commission as ~~Lieutenant~~ and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a commission as Lieutenant from Colonel James Martin but I lost or mislaid it so that I am unable now to find it.

8<sup>th</sup> . State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will state that I am known to Thomas Brown, Jarrett Norris, John Love and many other respectable persons to whom I could name if necessary.

[Charles McAnally, a clergyman, and John Chesney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]