

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jehu Simmons S6093

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State of Virginia Prince Edward County Sc. On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Prince Edward now sitting, it being a court of record, Jehu Simmons a resident of the County aforesaid and state aforesaid, aged seventy years last February, who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. Saith that he was born in the year 1762 in the County of Prince Edward and has resided in said County ever since. That in the year 1779 or 80 he does not now recollect, his father was drafted to serve in the Virginia Millitia and he marched as a substitute for his father under Capt. [James] Clark of Prince Edward, his Colo was George Walker of the same County, who ordered them to Petersburg to which place there went three Companies of millitia, assembled at Petersburg, and that they were not joined by any other troops, he served one tour and was discharged. In the year 1781 he volunteered under the Command of Capt Ambrose Nelson of Prince Edward County and Left [Lieutenant] & Ensign John Woodson and Benjamin Allen of Cumberland County, and marched to Guilford (NC) where they joined in that tour Gen Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army. at Guilford he was in Colo John Holcome [sic: John Holcombe's] regiment and in General Robert Lawson's Brigade of the Virginia Millitia, his Major he thinks was a gentleman by the name of [St. George] Tucker. the regiment at Guilford in which he was, was not engaged in the action between Green & Cornwallis [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. A brother of his in that battle was wounded, after the Battle he was marched to Ramseys Mill [in Chatham County] and there discharged he thinks by Gen. Lawson. he thinks in this tour he served not less than three months. During the summer of 1781 he was called into the Virginia service by draft as a guard in the vicinity of Prince Edward Court House. Who was his commanding officer he does not now recollect. Cornwallis was then expected at Prince Edward, he thinks in this tour he served four weeks. In the summer or fall of 1781 he was drafted and marched to the siege of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct] under Capt. [Williamson] Bird of Prince Edward, under Majr Charles Allen & when he arrived at York he was under Colo Beverly Randolph [Beverley Randolph], and his Gen was Robert Lawson. he was taken sick before he arrived at Yorktown, and was sick while he remained there, after the Capture of Cornwallis - in which action he did not engage, the prisoners were marched to Winchester and he substituted a man in his place, who marched with the prisoners to Winchester. And he returned home sick and for some time so continued. In the last tour he thinks he was in service about four months as principal & substitute. He state he has no documentary evidence by which he could establish his claims. His discharges were verbal or if written he has lost them. In all of his term of service he states he served his full term of service and was honorably discharged. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Jehu Simmons

Where and what year were you born? Answer I was born in the County of Prince Edward in the year 1762.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer At home in my family bible.

Where were you living when called into service, Where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live? Answer In Virginia Prince Edward County. In the same County since the War. and now live in one mile of the place I was born at. How were you called into service. were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom? Answer Drafted once. Volunteered once and a substitute once for his father John Simmons. I was in one other short term, do not recollect whether drafted or volunteered. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental & Millitia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your services. Answer General Green and Colo [William] Campbell at Guilford, Generals Washington and Lafayette and [Anthony] Wayne. I do not recollect the No. of the Regiments, Millitia or Continental. At Guilford we had hard service and little to eat. At york I was sick for the most of

the term. 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 never received a written discharge that I recollect and if so have lost it. I think probable by Gen Lawson at Ramseys Mill but cannot recollect. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Revolutionary soldier? Answer David Anderson [pension application W5625] and Richard Peck can testify as to my services; William A Jones Charles Venable and Colo Charles Woodson as to my veracity.