

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Simmons S7514

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Virginia Roll

William Simmons Private in the Army of the revolution mustered on the roll of the Virginia Agency at the rate of \$6.66 2/3 per month. Formal Certificate issued 22 December 182? [last digit unclear] and sent to the Honorable Arthur Smith House of Representatives

Application for a New Certificate

County of Southampton and State of Virginia

On this 28th day of May 1823 before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Southampton personally appeared William Simmons who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Stokes [John Stokes] in the detached Regiment [3rd Virginia Detachment of 2nd Virginia Brigade] commanded by Colonel Buford [Abraham Buford] in the Service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia that he have not received a Certificate of that Fact.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid
S/ Geo. Hines

S/ Willm Simmons



I personally know George Hines and that he was the Sheriff of Southampton County Virginia and I am confident is a Justice of the Peace of said County [indecipherable word or words]
The pension of William Simmons cannot be paid for want of a Certificate of pension from the War Office

The [Virginia State Library](#) has posted on its online digital collection the following documents relating to this veteran:

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th of November 1788

William Simmons who was a Soldier in the new levies under Colonel Buford having at a former Court made application for a recommendation to be replaced on the pension list & his case being referred to Doctor Holmes, he this day reported that the said W Simmons "is so disabled by a wound in his arm as to render him incapable of having the proper use of it & that

he hath also several other wounds of less consequence" & The court from their personal knowledge of the said W Simmons being satisfied that he now is & probably ever will be incapable of manual labor by means of the said wounds & being also sufficiently convinced that he received those wounds in the defeat¹ of Colonel Buford recommend him as a proper person to be again placed on the pension list and received the bounty of his country.

Test: S/ Saml Kello

28 years of age

It appears from the Pension list he was a Sergeant

I do with the advice of this Council hereby certify that William Simmons aged about 28 years late a Sergeant in Buford's detachment & whose pay was at the rate of £24 per annum was disabled in the Service of the United States by a wound to one of his arms, and that he is allowed the Sum of fifteen pounds yearly to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the Governor being absent) at Richmond this 18th day of December 1788.

T. Meriwether

S/ James Wood

Addendum to William Simmons S7514

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

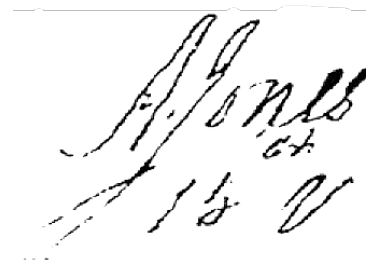
I Albridgton Jones [BLWt359-200] of the County of Southampton do hereby certify that William Simmons enlisted in the fourth Regiment of the Virginia line on Continental establishment as a Soldier for three years, and shortly thereafter was appointed and acted as a Sergeant untill the end of the said three years with credit, when he was discharged. Given under my hand this 17th day of February one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Teste

Thos Camp

John Wells

A. Jones late Lieut
15th Va regim't



Know all Men by these presents that I William Simmons of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia have this day appointed Thomas D Harris of the County of Henrico and State of Virginia my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name and for my use and benefit, to ask demand and receive from the State of Virginia, whatever lands I am entitled to for my services as a Soldier in the fourth Regiment commanded by Colo. Rob't Lawson [Robert Lawson VAS850] hereby ratifying and confirming, all and whatever my said Attorney shall or may do by virtue of

¹ May 29, 1780, Battle of the Waxhaws,

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html

these presents. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of
January one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Sign'd sealed & Deliverd in presence of
Wlm Simmons Jr/ John Adams

William Simmons