

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sanders (Saunders) Simmons S7516¹

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions December Term 18 32

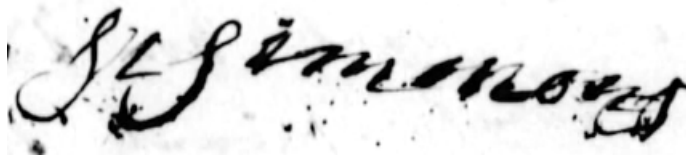
On this sixth day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful Justices of the said Court now sitting Saunders Simmons a resident of Sampson County State aforesaid who says he was born in the County of Sampson on the 18th day of January 1763 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States with brother Jeremiah Simmons in the month of January in the year 1780 or 1781 under the following officers and served as herein stated viz. He enlisted for the Term of twelve months as a private soldier under Captain James Mills and Lieutenant __Slade this took place in the County of Bladen State aforesaid. He was marched from thence to South Carolina. Captain Mills as well as Captains Jones and Coleman were in a Battalion under Major Griffith MacRee [sic, Griffith John McRee] Curtis Ivey was the adjutant of the Battalion under Major McRee when we got into South Carolina we were marched over Ashley River to Pon Pon near Bacons Bridge where we joined General Greene's Army. We remained at this place for some considerable time when we were marched to Ashley Hill on the Ashley River at this place we were stationed for several months until my term of service was nearly out. We were then marched back into North Carolina by Major McRee to the Town of Wilmington where after I time was out we were discharged by him.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ D. McDiarmid, Clk

S/ S Simmons

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Simmons", written in dark ink on a light background.

The following Answers were given to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

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- 1st I have already answered this Question in my Declaration.
- 2nd. I have a record of my age at my own house in Sampson County
- 3rd. I lived in Sampson County when I entered the service I have since lived in Cumberland County in this and now live in the County of Bladen North Carolina.
- 4th. I have already answered this Question
- 5th. I have already named all the officers that I recollect.
- 6th. I received a discharge but have lost it. It was signed by Major McRae.
- 7th. I would refer to Reverend David Thomas² of Cumberland County Allen Hall Esquire of Sampson & John Hair Esquire of Bladen County

This Day Jeremiah Simmons³ of Sampson County personally appeared in Open Court & being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that Saunders Simmons of Bladen County who has sworn to & subscribed the above declaration served in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary war for 12 months in Captain James Mills Company.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jeremiah Simmons, X his mark

[David Thomas, a clergyman, and Allen Hall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions March Term 1833

On this 4th day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court the Court aforesaid Saunders Simmons a resident of the County of Bladen who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in addition to a declaration heretofore made in December Term 1832 of said court relative to his Service as a Revolutionary Soldier. That the reasons for his making his Declaration in this court instead of the court of the County in which he resides were the following although he resides in the County of Bladen still the distance to the Court House of his County is much greater than to the Court House of Cumberland County that he is more intimately known in the latter County having had business in the Town of Fayetteville for many years past & further it was more convenient to his witnesses than any other Court. The Reverend David Thomas resides in this County. And he further declares that Jeremiah Simmons of Sampson County by whom he has proved his services was in the service with him during the Revolutionary War as he has stated & further that he knows of no other witness.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Sanders Simmons

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County & State Saunders Simmons who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the period of the Revolutionary War when he served in the Army of the United States but he does swear that he served 12 months

² This name is difficult to decipher with certainty. I think it could be David Hames or David Thames or David Thoms or some other variation.

³ [Jeremiah Simmons W4803](#)

in said service as a private soldier & for such service he claims a pension. That he does not recollect the Colonel of the Regiment to which he was attached.

Sanders Simmons

[fn p. 10: on January 6, 1859 in Cumberland County North Carolina, Sarah Ann Strickland formerly Sarah Ann Simmons aged 20 years, and husband (and 'next friend' of Sarah Ann because she is a minor) Hillary Strickland filed for bounty land due her father for his service in the revolution; that her father died in Bladen County in the year 1839. In a separate filing dated the same day, Anne Maria Hall surviving widow of Sanders Simmons released her claim to any bounty land; she states she drew a pension as the widow of Sanders Simmons after his death until she married again to Davis Hall; that she was legally married to Sanders Simmons on or about the year 1836 by one John Hair, JP. Family record shows that Sarah Ann Simmons was born 19 day of May 1838.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

[Facts in file: a note in the file indicates that the veteran died December 27, 1837]