

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simon Sommers¹ S9705

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District of Columbia Alexandria County SS:

I Simon Sommers aged eighty-one years do upon oath testify and declare, that in the year 1776, I was appointed Adjutant of the 6th Virginia Regiment, which I immediately joined and continued in active service therein for some time; but in consequence of ill health I had to return home twice on furlough during the War – That although I was not (on account of ill health) actively engaged in service during the whole War, and until its close, yet I always considered myself liable to be called upon at any time to perform the duties of my appointment, as I never resigned & having been advised at headquarters not to do so. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to me on the part of the United States, nor have I assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatever.

The above statement is on the best of my knowledge and belief and recollection.

S/ Simon Sommers [very faint and could not be

reproduced so as to be legible]

I Charles L Broadwater aged seventy-six years, do upon oath declare that I have been long acquainted with Simon Sommers who has subscribed the foregoing declaration in my presence, and know him to be the identical person he therein represents himself to be, and believe that he did perform the military Services therein stated.

S/ Chas. L. Broadwater

Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

24 December 1828

Simon Sommers of __ in the County of Alexandria in the State of District of Columbia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the War the latter part of the time on furlough, at which period he was a Lieutenant & Adjutant in the Sixth regiment of the Virginia line; ~~and that he received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, __ dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of __~~

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

¹ BLWt1480-200

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
27th of December 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to ___ in the ___ line, amounting to ___ dollars.~~

It further appears that Simon Sommers is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd of March 1826 ~~at the rate of ___ per month.~~


The Revolutionary records in this Office show that Adjutant Simon Summers [sic] of the 6th Regiment of the Virginia line, was charged in November 1778 with the sum of \$120 and subsequently received a credit for a like sum on ap [sic?] of his pay. He is not returned for land, nor do the records furnish any other information, than the above, in relation to his services.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I and Summers of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution, and in service from January or February 1776, to the month of November or December in the year 1781; when my services not being required, I retired from active service on account of continued ill health, but did not resign being previously advised at headquarters not to do so, and that I always considered myself liable at any moment to be called upon to perform the duties of my post, to the end of the War – [indecipherably faint interlineation] That I was Adjutant of the 6th Regiment of the Virginia line, and held a commission as such, and considered myself entitled to a captaincy towards the latter part of the War – as I was arranged as a Lieutenant long before that period.

Witness my hand this 10th day of October in the year 1828.

S/ Simon Sommers

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Simon Sommers', with a large, stylized initial 'S' on the left.

General Land Office

I hereby certify that the within named Simon Summers is the same individual who received from the State of Virginia the warrant for the land bounty to which he was entitled as an Officer in the Virginia Continental line, and for which patents have issued from this Office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & calls the seal of this office to be affixed, the 23 day of December 1828

S/ Geo. Graham, Commissioner

General Land Office
9th of August 1828

I do hereby certify that it appears from the Records of this Office that Captain Simon

Sommers received from the State of Virginia for his Services in the Continental line, land Warrant No. 3585 for 4000 acres of land and subsequently received land warrant No. 6192 for 1666 and 2/3 of an acre of land under the 9th Section of an act passed by the Legislature of that State in the month of May 1782. A copy of which is hereto annexed.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of this Office to be affixed at the City of Washington on the day & year above written.

S/ Geo. Graham,
Commissioner

City of Washington March 3rd 1815

I do hereby Certify that Simon Summers Served in the 6th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment from March 1776 until the end of the Campaign in 1781 the greater part of the time as Adjutant of the said or Regiment, & that he acted Gallantly & with the approbation of his Associates the aforesaid term.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Sam. Hopkins, who
was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Virginia
Line of Continental Establishment

*Sam Hopkins, who
was a Lieut Col. in the Virginia
Line on Cont. Establishment*

Captain Summers is surely entitled to all the advantages & immunities [sic] attached to his Rank his Services were Long & Faithful

S/ Sam. Hopkins

District of Columbia County of Washington

This 16th day of March 1843 personally appeared before me one of the justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Eliza Sommers and made oath to the following declaration to wit. That she is the daughter of Simon Sommers late of the County of Alexandria, District of Columbia, that he died sometime in the month of December 1836 leaving 3 children living at the time of his death Mary [several lines of illegibly faint text²] that he was a pensioner under the act of 1828 that she is advised that the act of June 7th 1832 gave her father and additional pension as an adjutant, that he only received the pension allowed him as Lieutenant of the line and that his staff pay is now due and payable to her sisters and herself and asked to have it paid.

S/ Eliza Sommers

² From other papers in the file, it appears the veteran died December 2, 1836 survived by three daughters, Mary, wife of Smith Minor, Matilda, wife of Richard B. Mason and Eliza Sommers. Matilda Sommers is said to have been the second wife of Richard B. Mason and had no children. Both Mary Minor and Matilda Mason were dead by 1843.

Simon Somers

From the [Virginia State Library](http://www.virginialibrary.org) online digital collection come the following documents:

I Simon Somers of the County of Alexandria & District of Columbia to testify & declare that in the summer of 1775 I engaged in Colonel Grayson's Minute Battalion as an Ensign and continued therein to do duty as an officer in the said Battalion until I was appointed Adjutant to the 6th Regiment of the Virginia Continental line which was in February 1776 I think about the 15th or 20th and that on the 20th of March of that year I received a Commission as such. I served in the Campaigns of 1777 & 1778 in the northward in General Weedon's Brigade and did my duty faithfully to the best of my ability as Certificates herewith shown will testify, until the Regiment to which I belonged was annexed to the 2nd Regiment & there being an Adjutant to that Regiment I became a supernumerary but continued to do duty actively during the summer & fall of 1781 as will be seen by General Weedon's orders here shown. At the time of the capture of Cornwallis I was stationed at Nolen's ferry to forward any supplies coming on from the northward & to be forwarded to the South.

Immediately on my appointment I repaired to Hampton where there were 2 or 3 Companies of the said Regiment Colonel Buckner organized his Regiment & the Companies came up to Williamsburg & we had orders to march to the southward and we received orders on the march to return & go to the North & went into winter quarters at Wilmington where I was inoculated for the smallpox as was the Regiment generally though stationed in different parts and in the spring went into active service on the lines & was at the Battle of Brandy Wine in September 1777 [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] & then went into Fort Mifflin [September 6 – November 15, 1777] where we were besieged. I attended the meeting of the officers at Chesterfield Courthouse Virginia in the forepart of the year 1781 when there were many of the officers who had no command there being a redundancy of officers returned home & afterwards in June of that year was ordered to Nolins ferry aforesaid where I continued till after the capture of Cornwallis aforesaid. I do declare that I never resigned my commission or was in any other wise put out of the Commission & always considered myself subject to be called on during the War & until the treaty of peace, but did not suppose there would be much active service after the capture of Cornwallis or that any of the supernumerary officers would be called on after that period.

Given under my hand this 1st day of February 1817, which statement is made to the best of my recollection & believe.



[The file contains a copy of the commission as Adjutant of the 6th Battalion of Virginia forces signed by John Hancock president of the Continental Congress and dated March 21, 1776.]

To Mr. Simon Summers
Sir,

You will proceed to Nolan's Ferry, and there station yourself for the purpose of affording supplies of arms, clothing &c coming from that he Northward for the use of the troops in this State. The clothing for the troops under the command of the Marquis Lafayette must be sent to Charlottesville by the upper route, as must the supplies of Ammunition which is expected.

The first 500 stand of arms that arrive, you will order immediately on to the Marquis' camp, unless he received counter orders – All the rest of every kind must be sent to Fauquier court-house till further directions respecting them; you will please keep me advised of your proceedings and continued at the Very till the 10th of July.

Given under my hand 16 June 1781

S/ G. Weedon, B. G.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as an adjutant in the Virginia Continental line for 2 years.]