

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Sims¹ W1500

Catharine

f62VA

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The State of Ohio Muskingum County: On this 14th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Muskingum aforesaid Jeremiah Sims a resident of Newton Township in said County aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted September 1777 in Captain Robert Yancey's Company of Colonel William Washington's Regiment of Light Horse for the term of three years at Culpeper Court House, Culpeper County Virginia: that he marched first to the neighborhood of Philadelphia & remained near that city through the winter – that in the spring of 1778 he was ordered to the South & remained as a private soldier of said company & Regiment through his term of three years, engaged in various places recently in the Carolinas & Virginia – He is not able now to recollect the details of his service, which was, the greater part of the time watching the movements of the enemy – He was engaged in no battles except some skirmishes and was discharged in 1780 in the month of August or September near Guilford South Carolina [sic] received a written discharge signed by Captain Yancey which discharge he has since lost –

In May 1781 applicant volunteered for three months & joined the company of Captain Henry Tolds [Henry Towles? or Henry Toles?], Lieutenant Wm Hill, in Colonel Thornton's Regiment of Virginia militia at Culpeper County Virginia & marched first to Richmond then to Williamsburg & was engaged through the term in watching the enemy – was discharged at Bowling Green Virginia at the end of three months; He then received no written discharge –

In September 1781 he was drafted at said Culpeper County for three months that, was mustered in the company commanded at first by Captain Clarke in Colonel James Slaughter's Regiment of Virginia militia, marched first to Springfield where he was put under the command of Captain Triplett [William Triplett] & Colonel Dark [William Darke], then marched to Little York where he remained three weeks. After the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], he was ordered to march as one of the guard over a body of prisoners to Winchester barracks which service he performed & was discharged at the end of three months at Winchester by Major Armstead White but received no written discharge –

Deponent was born Culpeper County Virginia, the 7th July 1760, has no record of his age, resided at said County until 1821 & since that time in the State of Ohio in the Counties of Perry & Muskingum.

Reference for applicant's character &c can be made to the following persons who reside in & near Newton Township in said County of Muskingum –

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Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Jery Sims

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jery Sims". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes.

[f p. 8: On April 13, 1855 in Perry County of Ohio, Catharine Sims, 62, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Jeremiah Sims, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married him January 3, 1833 [last digit unclear could be anything] in the County of Muskingum Ohio; that her husband died May [indecipherable, perhaps intended to be 17th] 1846. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 14: On June 4, 1855 in Perry County Ohio Catharine Sims, 62 filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jeremiah Sims. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: veteran married Mrs. Catharine Madden; that in 1805 veteran married Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth Saunders of Culpeper County, VA; Elizabeth died 1830 in Ohio leaving 6 children (none named); Catherine had children by her first husband (not named) but none with the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 6 months. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]