

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Simpkins W19364                  Patience Simpkins                  VA  
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State of Virginia, County of Montgomery Sc.

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared before the court of Montgomery County in the state of Virginia, James Simpkins a resident of said county and state aged Seventy four years last November, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 (as well as he can remember) under an engagement to serve three years, and served in the 12<sup>th</sup> regiment of the Virginia line under the following named Officers. Alexander Breckenridge Lieutenant, Samuel Lapsley Captain (Major's name forgotten) Nathaniel Giss [sic: Nathaniel Gist] (according to present recollection) Colonel, when he enlisted he resided in the county of Botetourt and state of Virginia; He was in the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and in some skirmishes. After serving his full term he was discharged at Fredericktown [Frederick] in Maryland in 1780. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

James Simpkins

NOTES:

On 1 Aug 1853 Patience Simpkins, about 66, applied for a pension stating that she married James Simpkins about 20 Jan 1823, and he died on 30 Dec 1833. On 12 Oct 1853 George Clare stated that he was present at the marriage of his father-in-law, James Simpkins, to Patience Butterfield. An application for bounty land dated 15 May 1855 was supported by Francis C. Kessler, who stated that he was present at the marriage in Christiansburg in Montgomery County VA. The file also includes a copy of a bond signed on 20 Jan 1823 in Montgomery County by James Simpkins and Asiel Snow for the marriage of Simpkins to Patience Butterfield.

On 8 April 1867 James H. Simpkins, about 40, only child and heir of Patience Simpkins, applied for her pension up to the date of her death on 21 Jan 1866. The pension had been suspended during the Civil War, during which time they had subsisted as farmers.