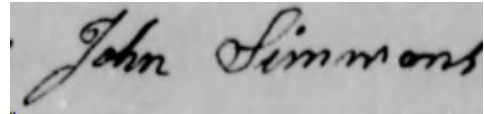


Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Simmons W26442 Margaret Simmons NY
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Ohio Monroe County Ss

On this 3^d day of June AD 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Com Pleas of Monroe County in the 5th Judicial Circuit of said state John Simmons a resident of Jackson Township in the County of monroe aforesaid and state of ohio aged 72 years on the 24th day of Oct next, 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 7th 1832 that he was enrolled as a malitiman in the united states service AD 1778 under Captian Underdunk of Clarkestown Orrange County State of Newyork [sic: Clarkstown formerly in Orange County, now Rockland County NY] – in the Ridgement Comanded by Col Hays – that he continued in the militia for Two years Guarding & protecting the frontier line on the west side of the north River from Tapon to Powlus Hook [sic: Tappan NY to Paulus Hook NJ] at which time he left the Militia and enlisted in the Regular Service in the United States army in the year 1781 and left the same in about six months afterwards – that he enlisted in Clarkestown Orrange County N. york was in divers skirmishes both while in the militia & Regular Service – marched through the State of Neyork – that he enlisted under Captain Bowman in Col Wisenfield's Ridgement [sic: Frederick Weisenfels's regiment] Lieutenant McCarty & Ensign Hadley were the officers which he served under –
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 in the United States. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



Question by the Court to the applicant

1 Where and in what year were you born

Ans I was born in the city of Newyork in the year 1761

2^d Have you any record of your age and if so where is it – Ans I have a record of my age on a leaf that was taken out of my fathers Bible

3^d Where were you living when called into the service

Ans I was living in Orange County Neyork

4 Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now Reside

Ans I lived in Shenango [sic: Chenango] County Neyork for Twenty years from that I moved to Pennsylvania and I now live in Monroe Cty Ohio

5 How were you called into service

Ans I was enrolled as a militia man for Two years then I enlisted for six months

6 State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served – such continental & militia Redgements as you can Recollect & the general circumstances of your services.

Ans Col Wisenfield – Captain Bowman – Lieut McCarty and Ensign Hadley – first Sargent Volentine – Lieut Frederick – under Capt Underdunk in the Militia

7 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans I do not recollect of ever having received any discharge and if I did receive one I have lost it

8 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your own neighbourhood and who can Testify as to your character for verasity and their Belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Ans Mary D Linch. Robt. W Cunningham and Peter Witten & Jon Bridgeman

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

John Simmons. Applicant.

I the undersigned John Simmons give the following statement of my age & Revolutionary services to Wit.

I am a native of the city of New York, was born October 24 1761. I lived in Orrange cty N. York during the war of the Revo. and up to the year 1814. I then came to this region of country. – In the year 1778 I was enroled in the Militia and served when ever called on which was very frequent – the service thus done and performed was in short and detached tours of one two three & four days at a time and always under the command and direction of officers. I never waited for a draft. when ever fires or beacons were made to give the alarm, the people in my section includeing myself would turn out. I was in this kind of service from 1778 to 1782. the Col of my Regt. was named Hays or Hay. the officers under whom I served as above stated were [illegible word]. I cant “pretend to name them. indeed I have forgotten all their names except Capt. Underdunk. I was generally not in a companies command – but sometimes in a Lieufutenants & sergeants command. I was in actual service in the manner above detailed for at least two years.

In the Spring of the year 1782 (I think in March) I enlisted at Clarkstown N. York under Capt Isaac Bowen, or Bowin for six months. his company (about 70 or 80 men) rendezvoused at Tappan. we rained about on the lines from Tappan to Bargan town [sic: Bergen NJ] – we remained in this service for the six months and was then Discharged – there was but the one company of us. when I enlisted I received \$5 bounty. I know of no one living by whom I can prove my services. my Declaration which has been recently transmitted contains the substance of the statement here given.

In witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name July 1 1835.

John Simmons

Witness/ N. Goff

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W G Singleton

Note – this man called on me and requested to be examined – he is a new comer here & consequently no one knows any thing of his services or his character. I can only say that the impression made on my mind by the examination was not favourable to the applicant. he seemed to me to have done too much service. I would suggest that proof be required.

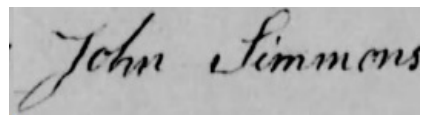
W. G Singleton

County Court of Ohio County, Virginia June Term 1835

On this 19th day of June 1835 personally appeared in open Court John Simmons, a resident of the Town of Wheeling in the County of Ohio & State of Virginia, aged seventy three years on the 24 day of October 1835, who being 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 the 7th 1832 “That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the Spring of 1782 in a company commanded by one Capt Bowen or Bowan, in the Regiment understood to be commanded by Col Wisenfield or Weisenfield. That he enlisted for six months & served out the full time. that he served under the following officers to wit the s’d Capt Bowen, Lieutenant Alexander McCarty. ensign Hadley & first Seargant Valentine or Vanentine. That he thinks the christian name of Bowen was Isaac but of this is not certain. Does not recollect the christian name of ensign Hadley. And as Capt Bowen’s company never joined the Regiment he does not recollect the names of the other officers of the Regiment excepting Col Weisenfields. That he enlisted at Clarkstown Orrange County, New York, that at the time he enlisted he resided at a place called Haverstraw in the county of Orrange afsd. That the company of Capt Bowen to which he belonged, & in which he served six months, never joined the Regiment under the command of Col Weisenfield, to which they were supposed to belong nor any other regiment, but was exclusively employed during the s’d six months in protecting or guarding the lines between Tapon & a place called Bargaintown in the state of N. York. That he was in several skirmishes in the time with refugees which took place along the lines they were guarding. That the headquarters of Capt Bowens company was at Tapon That a Capt

Blanchard, whose christian name he does not recollect, commanded a company of New Jersey troops who were stationed about fourteen miles South of Tapon at a place called Closter he thinks, & were employed in guarding the same lines that Capt Bowen's Company were. That the Scouting parties from the two companies frequently met. That according to the best of his recollection he was enlisted as a Continental soldier & not by the State authority of New York. That he did not volunteer nor was he drafted as a militiaman – but regularly enlisted, was measured & a full discription taken of him at the time of his enlistment & this with the fact of their being called Continental soldiers at the time of his service induces him to think that he enlisted on the Continental Establishment & not in the State line of N York, if any such as the last mentioned kind of troops were raised at the time. That the whole company to which he belonged were according to the best of his recollection raised in the neighbourhood where they were employed in service in guarding the lines afs'd for which purpose, it was understood at the time, they were expressly raised. That he does not recollect of receiving any certificate of discharge & if he did he does not now recollect it or know what has become of it. That his memory has been failing for a number of years & he does not remember names & the period of events accurately. That he was enrolled in the militia in 1778 in the Company of Capt Underdoug or some such name & the name of the Colonel of the rigement was, he thinks, Hays or Hay. That between that time & 1782 when he listed – he served several times volunteered upon alarms being given that the enemy was in the neighbourhood. That in October 1832, then being a resident of Monroe County in the State of Ohio he applied to one John Bridgman then & still a Justice of the Peace for s'd county of Monroe to make out his papers for the purpose of obtaining a pension. That the application was made to s'd Justice because he Simmons lived seventeen miles from the Courthouse of the County & being lame & infirm was at the time unable to get to court. That his papers were accordingly made out by s'd Bridgman & sent on to the Pension Office Washington City but were returned because they were not properly drawn up. That in June 1833 he applied to the Court of Common Pleas for s'd Monroe County & his papers were made out & duly certified by s'd Court & placed in the hands of Wm McMahan Esqr an attorney at law of St Clairsville Ohio (who together with George W Thompson Esqr of the same place, assisted in making out the papers) to to be forwarded to the War Department. That s'd McMahan immediately afterwards informed him that he had inclosed the papers & put them into the Post office at Woodsfield the county seat of s'd Monroe county with direction to have the certificate for a pension if one should be granted, sent on to him directed to Witten's Post Office in s'd County of Monroe. That his s'd papers have never been heard from since & he believes that they miscarried or were lost through the Post Office as it appears by a letter from J L Edwards of the Pension Office that they never arrived there or are not to be found there.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Simmons". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[On 22 Jan 1836 John Simmons was issued a certificate for a pension of \$27.33 for eight months and six days service.]

NOTES:

On 28 May 1855 Margaret Simmons, 60, of Campbell County KY, applied for a pension stating that in Ohio County VA on 12 Feb 1824 she married John Simmons, who died in Wheeling VA on 19 May 1843. On an application for bounty land she stated that her maiden name was Margaret Herbison.

On 14 July 1855 William Wiley of Washington County PA stated that he was present at the marriage of Margaret Herbison and Mr Moffit previous to her marriage with John Simmons.

On 17 Sep 1859 Margaret Simmons requested that her pension be transferred because she had moved from Newport KY to Washington PA to live with her daughter.