

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Lawrence Simpson W26443
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Sarah Simpson MD

DISTRICT OF Maryland, ss.

On this 17th day of December 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the first Judicial District of Maryland for the said district, personally appeared Lawrence Simpson aged fifty seven years, resident in Charles County in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:” That he, the said Lawrence Simpson enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of May in they year 1780 in [blank] in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Waters [Richard Waters, pension application W11722] of the 3^d Regement of the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Stuart [sic: John Stewart] in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until October 1783, when he was discharged from service at Frederick Town state of Maryland, that he was in the battles of the Siege of Little york Virginia [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – at Ashly Hills [sic: Ashley Hill near Old Dorchester SC] under General Guess [sic: Mordecai Gist] when the row gallies were captured from the british and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

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First Judicial District of Maryland composed of the Counties of Saint Marys Charles and Prince Georges

On this 23^d day of March 1821 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record with unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount with a power to fine and imprison, Laurence Simpson a revolutionary soldier of Charles County Maryland aged about fifty eight years and resident in the County and State aforesaid in said Judicial District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he inlisted on or about the month of May 1780 under Lieutenant Francis Ware in the 3^d Maryland Regiment a that time as he believes commanded by Colonel Gest for six months at the expiration of the six months he reinlisted for three years and served to the end of the war that he was at the seige of York in Virginia and Ashley Hill South Carolina and that he was discharged at Frederick Town Maryland at the end of the war. He is indigent in circumstances and unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Schedule of property necessary bedding and clothing excepted

1 small pair of steers

1 old cart

1 old mare

1 old cow

1 Yearling

3 hogs valued at 50\$. That he receives from the state of Maryland the sum of 40\$

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That his family consists of a wife aged about 56 years infirm and helpless and a daughter seventeen years old his occupation is that of a planter but his infirmities are such as almost renders him incapable of

working. The date of his original certificate is the 17th day of December 1819 and the number of his pension certificate is (16627)

NOTES:

On 7 July 1852 Sarah Simpson applied for a pension stating that she married Lawrence Simpson in Charles County in 1799, and he died on 2 Feb 1843. Her claim was suspended for insufficient proof of the date of marriage.

On 12 Dec 1853 Mary Burk, 52, of Charles County, the only child of Lawrence and Sarah Simpson, applied for the pension of her mother up to the date of her death from old age on 13 Aug 1853. She stated that her mother's maiden name was Sarah Carrico, and that she married Lawrence Simpson in 1798. Her statement was certified by John Carrico and John Langley.

The file contains a letter from Rev. P. Courtney stating that he officiated at the burials of Lawrence Simpson and Sarah Simpson at St. Marys Church near Bryantown MD. He also stated that Lawrence Simpson and Sarah Carrico were married at the church by Rev. David. In another letter Courtney stated that they had been "emplary members of this congration for more than 50 years." Thomas Carrico certified that he had made the coffins for Lawrence Simpson and Sarah Simpson.