

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Simpson W28011      Mary<sup>1</sup>      fn58NC  
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State of Kentucky Laurel County: Sct.

On this 6th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Joseph Eve Judge of the Laurel Circuit Court, John Simpson a resident of said County aged seventy-one years, who being duly sworn doth upon his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he volunteered in the year 1780 as he believes in the Revolutionary War in what was called a ranging Company. Charles King was Captain John Hogan Colonel Abraham Allen Major Andrew Turner Ensign Joseph Young Lieutenant all of Orange County North Carolina where he also lived – their business was to range and scoured the country whenever occasion might require; that he was often called out and served from 3 to 5 weeks at a time one trip he went with the officers aforesaid to the Hawfields, another trip on Haw River after Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] and the Tories, this tour they had a severe engagement with Fanning and the Tories said to be 500 in number, we had about 350. Lieutenant Young was killed, Andrew Turner Ensign was mortally wounded & Major Allen was wounded but recovered.<sup>2</sup> Another Tour he went out with Colonel Bob Maban [sic, Robert Mebane] after some Tories on Haw River, and on our return home the Colonel was killed by a man by the name of Henry Hightower, supposed to be a Tory. He cannot recollect all the tours and trips he had after the Tories; he was held to service about four years during which time he was in actual service he can safely say not less than nine months. After this he volunteered under Captain Joseph Casey and joined Colonel Kennedy of Green County Tennessee. Rendezvoused at Knoxville Tennessee & marched to the Indian Nation and to the lookout Mountain and there we had an engagement with the Indians & had to retreat. Captains Harden, Gibson & Butler were killed & seven more of the man wounded. We then returned home having served two months. He next was drafted to go to West [?] Point Tennessee (since called Kingston) for three months for the purpose of raising blockhouses, this tour was under Captain Ewen Ellison; that he remained in actual service this tour three months. He was again drafted immediately to go to the Warm Springs under Lieutenant Gregg and marched to the Warm Springs & remained there as a guard three months and was discharged. He

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<sup>1</sup> The cover sheet for this veteran has the following note: "Debrah or Deborah Simpson also applied for pension as widow of the above soldier and was rejected R9594. See papers within."

<sup>2</sup> Kirk's Farm, September 12, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_kirks\\_farm.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_kirks_farm.html)

believes he was in actual service at least seventeen months. He has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service.

In answer to Interrogatories propounded by the Court, he says he was born in the year 1762 in the County of Fermanagh near the Town of Anyskillen [sic, Enniskillen] in Ireland and landed in America about the time the tea fuss began: he landed at the mouth of Christeen Rivec[sic, Christina River ?] near to Newcastle [New Castle County, Delaware?] moved from there to Hanover County Pennsylvania where he lived until just before the war commenced. He then moved to Orange North Carolina where he lived during the war & till peace was made after that he moved to Greene County Tennessee from there to Barren County Kentucky then to Clay (now Laurel) County Kentucky, where he now lives. He has no record of his age. He volunteered every tour except twice he was drafted he received three written discharges but they are all lost. He says he is known to Thomas Robertson, a clergyman, James Moore & James B Carpenter Junior who can testify to his character.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & states that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State whatever. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Simpson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Simpson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Simpson".

[Thomas Robertson, a clergyman, James P Carpenter Esquire and James Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On June 11 1845 in Cole County Missouri, Mary Simpson, 72 filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Simpson; that she married him by license in Tennessee in Made 1788; that her husband died in 1841 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 16: wedding license dated June 11, 1790 issued to John Simpson for the marriage to Mary Haresha.]

[fn p. 18: On February 25, 18 53 in Laurel County Kentucky, Dabrah Simpson, 80 filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Simpson; that she married him in Barren County State of Kentucky September 1810; that her name prior to her marriage was Phelps; that her husband died in Laurel County Kentucky May 21, 1841.]

[facts in file: evidently the veteran's first wife, Mary, left him in 1810 and moved to Missouri; he then married Dabrah or Deborah Phillips; his 2nd wife's application for a pension was denied when she failed to provide proof that the veteran had divorced his first wife; Hugh H Simpson, son of John and Mary Simpson, was living in Cole County Missouri in 1845.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]