

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Simpson W4337

Charlotte

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State of North Carolina Caswell County: SS

Be it remembered that on this 13th day of January 1843 personally appeared before Freeman Leath a Justice of the Peace for the County of Caswell and State aforesaid Charlotte Simpson a resident of the County of Caswell, aged Eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows" That she is the widow of Aaron Simpson who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution and whose services is thus proved by Moses Simpson. She further declares that she was married to the said Aaron Simpson on the 25th day of May 1783 in the year 1783, that her husband the aforesaid Aaron Simpson died on the 11th day of December 1832; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Charlotte Simpson, X her mark

[f p. 22]

State of North Carolina Guilford County: SS

Be it remembered that on this the 21st day of January 1843 personally appeared before Francis L Simpson a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Guilford and State aforesaid Moses Simpson a resident of Guilford County and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Aaron Simpson from his youth until his death and that he entered in the Army with him in the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1776 the precise time not recollected as a volunteer and served personally with him seven campaigns in Captain Thomas Pollard's company under Colonel Peter Waggoner first campaign marched from home to Colchester Virginia, stationed there and time of stay not recollected – second campaign from thence to Alexandria Virginia now the District of Columbia Stationed there time not remembered, third Campaign from thence to Colchester Virginia there stationed time not recollected, fourth campaign from thence to Alexandria – stationed there time not recollected, fifth Campaign from thence to Mount Vernon the residence of General George Washington there stationed time not recollected, sixth Campaign from thence to Alexandria Virginia at which time and place two British men of war may anchored in the River Potomac at the town of Alexandria and by the name of *Roebuck* name of the other not recollected, seventh campaign from thence to the City of Philadelphia under the command of Captain Thomas Pollard Major James Ren and Colonels Rumley and Gilpin passed through Georgetown in Maryland from thence through Frederick town from thence through little York from thence through Lancaster Pennsylvania to the vicinity of Philadelphia, and there joined the Continental Army at headquarters under the

command of General George Washington there station for three months then and there dismissed in the month of December 1777, all of which time and places the aforesaid Aaron Simpson served personally with me.

Sworn & subscribed to before Francis L Simpson a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid.
S/ Moses Simpson, X his mark

State of North Carolina Guilford County: SS

On this 10th day of May 1843 personally appeared before me F. L. Simpson a Justice of the peace for the County of Guilford Moses Simpson a resident of Guilford County & made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Aaron Simpson from the earliest of my recollection until his Death, This deponent declares that Aaron Simpson entered in the Army of the Revolutionary War as a private Soldier in Captain Pollard's [perhaps Thomas Pollard's] Company in the fall of the year 1776 as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Peter Waggoner [Peter Wagener¹] & was discharged in the vicinity of Philadelphia in the month of December 1777 all of which time this deponent served as Ensign of said Company, when they entered the Army as stated above that is in the fall of the year 1776. Marched to Colchester Virginia, there stationed for a while, by permission of Colonel Waggoner he returned home and waited for further orders, a short time orders were or received, marched [to] Alexandria Virginia & there stationed for short time & then marched home, & then to Colchester, & to Alexandria, at which time to British man of war layed anchored in the River Potomack [Potomac] at the Town of Alexandria one by the name of *Robuck* [*Roebuck*], marched to Mount Vernon, marched to George Town, Maryland, from thence to Fredericktown, through Little York, through Lancaster Pennsylvania to the vicinity of Philadelphia, & there joined the Continental Army under the command of General Washington & stationed three months, Commanding officers was Colonel Rumley & Colonel Gilpin [perhaps George Gilpin] & Major James Ren. He further declares that they returned home several times while in the Service by orders of the Commanding officers returned as soon as orders was given to do so. This deponent further declares that the reason why he never made application for a pension was, that he was opposed to the all. Sworn to & subscribed before me F. L. Simpson a Justice as aforesaid on the day & year 1st above written.
S/ F. L. Simpson, JP
S/ Moses Simpson, X his mark

[f p. 17: George Foster of Orange County North Carolina gave an affidavit stating his opinion based on conversations with Moses Simpson that Moses Simpson did in fact serve in the revolutionary war from Fairfax County Virginia; that the affiant lived in Fairfax County at the time of the revolution and emigrated to his present place of residence from there.



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[f p. 9: On January 13, 1843 in Caswell County North Carolina, Joseph Simpson filed an affidavit verifying the family record of Aaron Simpson being in the handwriting of Aaron Simpson and having been in the possession of the affiant since the death of Aaron Simpson of December 11, 1832.

¹ Colonel of the Fairfax County, Virginia militia.

Joseph Simpson

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[f pp 10-11: family record (very compromised – use the following transcription with caution:

Aaron Simpson was married to Ch Lotte Wisheart [?] May 25 1783

Moses Simpson was born the 17th of March 1784

Citty Simpson was born the 27th of April 1786

Roger Simpson was born in the year 1788 November the 2nd

Hatin Simpson was born in the year 1790 September the 10th

Janey Simpson was born August the 28th 1793

Presiler Simpson Daughter of Do was born August the 10th 1795

Eanoch Simpson was born November [illegible] 1797

Susanah Simpson Daughter of Do was born July the 18th 1799

Baley Simpson was born October the 15th 1801

One boy Child Named Joseph Simpson was born the 7 of April at 5 o'clock in the afternoon 1805

Son of A. Simpson & Sharlety

One Negro Girl named Ursula was born the 2nd day of January 1828

One Negro Boy named Dennis was born the 15th of April 1829

One Negro Boy named Siles was born December 7th 1830

[different handwriting]

One Negro gharel [girl?] named Jane was born the 11 April 1831

One Negro girl named Fannee born March 31st 1833

One Negro girl named Polly was born March 25th 1837

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia militia.]