

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Simmons W60

Mary (Polly)

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District of North Carolina: SS

On this 18th day of November 1818, before the subscriber one of the Justices of the United States for the said district personally appeared John Simmons, aged fifty-eight years, resident of Montgomery 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 John Simmons, towards the latter part of the revolutionary war, in the same year in which Lord Cornwallis was captured, enlisted in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina in a company the Captain of which he does not now recollect; but was soon after transferred to the company commanded by Captain Lytle [sic, probably William Lytle], of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment; but in what Regiment he has forgotten, for the term of 12 months; that he continued to serve in the said war & in the said service of the United States, on the said establishment, for the full term of twelve months for which he enlisted as aforesaid, & for a few days beyond the time, when he was discharged from service in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina; that he was in the battles of Augusta, in the taking the Fort, & in South Carolina in taking Thompson's Fort; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

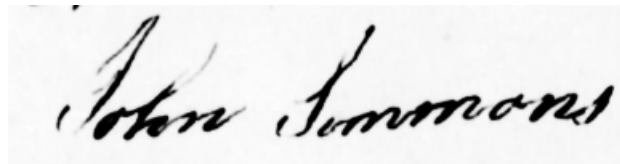
### Original Claim

North Carolina Montgomery County: On the 5th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Record for said County of Montgomery John Simmons aged fifty-nine years & nine months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said John Simmons enlisted for the Term of one year on the 6th day of April 1781 in the County of Chatham North Carolina & in the company commanded by Captain Lytle in the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_ in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment. That he continued in the said Corps

until the April 1782 when he was discharged from the said service in said County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina and that he assisted in taking Thompson's Fort on Congaree River in South Carolina and Brown's & Grayson's [sic, Grierson's ] Forts in Augusta in Georgia and that he has no evidence now in his power of his services except the testimony already made [?] and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 that is to say some few articles of household furniture supposed to be worth \$25 that is one dish 6 plates 6 spoons & 4 chairs That I am by profession a planter, but and infirm and have a lame wrist and my family consists of myself my wife Polly who is old and infirm nearly helpless and son named Bartlett aged 13 years

Sworn to & declared the 5th day of July before me as Chairman of said Court  
S/ J. Culpeper, JP

S/ John Simmons

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Simmons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "S".

[fn p. 11: on June 9, 1840 in Henry County Tennessee, Polly Simmons, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Simmons; that she married him January 26 1790; that her husband died April 5th, 1823.]

[fn p. 15: On October 8, 1839 in Montgomery County North Carolina, Benjamin Boles<sup>1</sup> gave testimony that he was acquainted with the pensioner and his wife prior to their marriage; that her name was Polly Parker; that they were married some 55 years or more ago in Franklin County North Carolina; that he, Benjamin Boles, served with John Simmons in the service; that he Benjamin Boles married a sister to Simmons' wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 18, 1818 for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Benjamin Bowles S41448](#)