

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Sims (Simms) W6055

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To the Honorable J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War

The declaration of Micajah Sims sheweth that on the last day of February in the year 1776 he enlisted as a soldier in Pittsylvania County in Virginia in the company commanded by Thomas Hutchins in the 6th Regiment commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner in the Virginia line of the Army of the United States during the revolutionary war for the term of two years. That he served the United States against the enemy continually during said term, that he received a discharge in writing from General Weedon [George Weedon] exactly two years after his enlistment. That his discharge has been lost that he immediately returned home & served no more in the regular Army. He got his discharge at the Valley Forge. He was in a battle against the British at Coot's Bridge [Cooch's Bridge, September 3, 1777], at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] & at the siege of Fort Mifflin [September 26-November 15, 1777] and never was wounded. That he is seventy years of age and is infirm and unable to get his living by his labor. That he is in very reduced circumstances, that all his property has been sold at public sale to pay his debts, that he depends entirely upon his children for his support; that he never has received any pension and releases all claim to any except that prescribed by the act of Congress of the said 18th which he now claims, he lives in Smith County State of Tennessee near Carthage.

S/ Micajah Sims



State of Tennessee: to wit

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the State of Tennessee Jonathan Faire¹ and made oath that he enlisted as a soldier about the beginning of March 1776 in the Virginia line of the Army of the United States for the term of two years in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hutchins in the 6th Regiment commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner that when the company rendezvoused the above named Micajah Sims was a soldier in said company & he supposes he was enlisted for two years for that was the term the whole company enlisted for this deponent was a Sergeant in said company and the above named Sims served as a soldier during the whole term of his enlistment faithfully and at the end of his term he obtained a discharge in writing from General Weedon at Valley Forge and

¹ Jonathan Faire (Fare) FPA S38691

this Deponent then saw his discharge and read it that said Sims then left the Army and this deponent continued in the Army and never knew anything more of said Sims until about five years ago he saw him in Smith County Tennessee he has known him well as a neighbor not more than four miles off since that he verily believes he is so infirm as to be unable to get his living by his labor and that he has no property but is supported by his children and is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for his support. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22nd of March 1819.

S/ Thos. Stuart

S/ Jonathan Farers



State of Tennessee Smith County Court: always Term 1820

On this 14th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid, Micajah Simms, aged seventy-three years, and seven years a resident of the said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit, he entered the service in 1776 in the 6th Virginia Regiment and served two years and was discharged at the Valley Forge. He made a declaration on the 10th of August 1818, and has drawn pay up to the 4th of March last.

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 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 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

Says he has no property either real or personal, has a wife, and him nor her or able to work for a support.

Micajah Simms

Sworn to and declared in open court, before the worshipful Justices of said County Court, the 14th day of August 1820.

S/ James Hibbits, Presiding Justice of Smith County Court

[f p. 18: On March 18, 1837 in Smith County Tennessee, Elizabeth Sims, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the July 4th, 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Micajah Simms, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him in June 1776 the day she cannot recollect; that her husband died January 20, 1824 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 15: On June 10, 1837 in Smith County Tennessee, Judith Washer, 72, gave testimony that she has been acquainted with Elizabeth Sam's ever since they were children; that she was present when Elizabeth Sam's and Micajah Simms were married by the Reverend Nathaniel Hall, a Baptist preacher; that they were residents of Halifax County Virginia at the time. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 10, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831.]