

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Simpson W6060

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State of Virginia Madison County: SS

On this 16th day of June 1843 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Ann Simpson a resident of Madison County and State of Virginia, aged to the best of her recollection and belief eighty-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress passed July 7, 1838 and the 3rd of March 1843, granting half pay and pensions to certain widows; That she is the widow of Alexander Simpson, whom she has often heard say that he had been at Soldier in the revolutionary war, and that he belonged to the regular Army, and that he had served for the term of three years, She believes that he marched from the County of Culpeper (now Madison) when he entered the Army, She cannot now in consequence of old age and the loss of her memory, state any of the particulars relating to his service neither can she state the names of any of the officers under whom he served, but must beg leave to refer for the proof of his Services to the evidence that will accompany heard declaration, She further declares that she was married to the said Alexander Simpson in the month of \_\_\_ in the year of 1783 to the best of her recollection and belief, her maiden name before marrying was Ann Harrison, She was married in the County of Culpeper Virginia, She has no marriage record, and does not know if any now can be found, that her husband the aforesaid Alexander Simpson died on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year of 1817 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/ Ann Simpson, X her mark

State of Virginia Madison County: SS

Be it known that on this 11th day of June 1843 before may the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared John Harrison, aged seventy-nine years, and made oath in due form of law; that he was well acquainted with Alexander Sampson, who intermarried with Ann Harrison; and he does well know that the said Alexander Simpson, was a soldier in the revolutionary war, that he belonged to Captain John Gillison's Company, 10th Virginia Regiment, on Continental Services and General Muhlenberg or Woodford's Brigade, that he affiant was a soldier in the service The same time, and belonged first to Captain John Mounjoy's [John Mountjoy's] Company and was afterwards under the command of several different Captains, of the same Regiment, and same Brigade, with him the said Alexander Simpson; that whilst in the service he frequently saw the said Simpson, and he is certain that they served together for more than two years, in the same Regiment, and he has no doubt and he does believe that said Simpson enlisted for and served for the term of three years, for he affiant found

him in the Army when he joined it at the Valley Forge in the winter of 1777 or 1778; and affiant further states that he removed from the County of King George Virginia to the County of Culpeper fully 55 or 56 years ago; that the said Alexander Simpson and Ann his wife, was then living together as husband wife and always acknowledged each other as such, they then had 3 children, at the time he moved to the County of Culpeper.

S/ John Harrison, X his mark

State of Virginia Greene County: SS

Be it known that on the 30th day of May 1843 before may the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Zachariah Taylor aged 83 years and made oath in due form of law, That he was well acquainted with Alexander Simpson the late husband of Nancy Simpson, that he does believe that the said Alexander Simpson enlisted into the Army of the revolution for the term of three years affiant did not see the said Simpson enlist or take the bounty but he does know that he was absent from the neighborhood fully three years, and it was always said by his neighbors that he was in the Army; affiant's brother James Taylor hired a Negro man that belonged to said Simpson two years during the time he was in the Army and he distinctly recollects that the said Simpson came to see his Brother about the higher of said Negro immediately after his return from the Army. Affiant further states that the said Alexander Simpson left the County of Culpeper State of Virginia in the year of 1777 to the best of his recollection and belief.

S/ Zachariah Taylor, X his mark

[f p. 3: A record of the marriage in Culpeper County Virginia of Alexander Simpson and Ann Harrison, married February 6, 1783 by the George Eve, Minister.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private for two years in the Virginia service.]

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The [Virginia State Library](#) has documents posted on its online collection relating to the bounty land claim based on this veteran's services. Among the materials posted online all the following:

An affidavit dated December 15, 1834 signed by John Spoldin in which the affiant states that he was present at the muster ground in Culpeper County Virginia in 1775 or 1776 when Alexander Simpson enlisted in the regular Army under John Gillerson Captain for 3 years and that he, the affiant, is certain that since and served 3 years.

Affidavit dated December 12, 1834 given by John Simpson in which he states that his brother Alexander Simpson enlisted under Captain John Gillison in the year 1776 or 1777 for 3 years; that at the end of the 3 years "...he returned to my house and in the said County of Culpeper and said he was discharged and remarked that he was as much pleased, that he wished to go in the Army again and soon after did take a higher in the militia and marched; and as I understood and believe was at York Town when Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] surrendered."



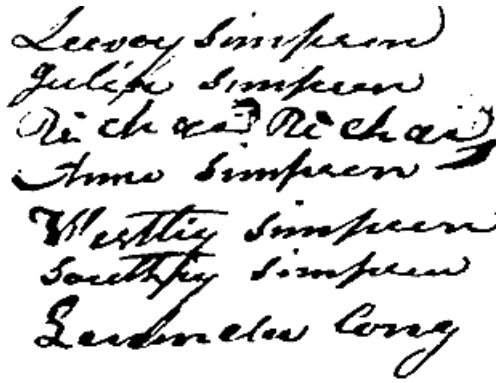
I John Harrison<sup>1</sup> of the County of Madison and State of Virginia, being in my seventy third year of age, do certify that I was acquainted with Alexander Simpson of the County of Culpeper State of Virginia, my first knowledge of him was in the Revolutionary War at the North where we remained together upwards of two years, the said Simpson was in Captain Gillison's Company, 10th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Willis and the Brigade was commanded by Captain general Weeden [George Weedon], the said Simpson left the Army nearly a year before I did my impression was that he had served out his three years and was discharged the period of time of my acquaintance with him in the Army I think was in the year 1777 and 1778. I recollect him well, because he was the Captain's Cook. Given under my hand this 12th day of December 1834

S/ John Harrison



To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

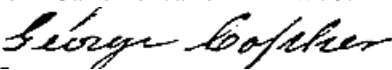
The petition of Leroy Simpson, Julia Simpson, Richard Richards, Anne Simpson, Wesley Simpson, Southy Simpson, Lucinda Long, all of the County of Madison Virginia respectfully states they together with William Hourd of Orange County and Julia Simpson of Amherst County and James Simpson of Christian County Kentucky all they only Descendents and heirs at law of the late Alexander Simpson – That said Alexander enlisted as they have understood and believe in the regular service in the revolution for the term of 3 years and actually served that period – they are unable to state any of the particulars of his service or enlistment or the way in which his service ceased – they were informed that he was entitled to land bounty from Virginia. If so they asked that your Excellency will issue an order to the register for such amount as may be due them.



I John Jarrel<sup>2</sup> of the County of Madison State of Virginia being in my eighty second year of age do hereby certify that in the fall of the year 1775 that I in company with Gideon Underwood, George Copher [?]<sup>3</sup> of the County of Culpeper State of Virginia did Enlist in said County, at the place of Rendezvous under Angus Rocker Lieutenant George Gibson Colonel in

<sup>1</sup> FPA S5471

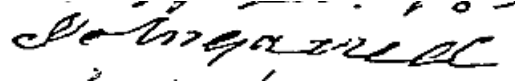
<sup>2</sup> John Garrell or Jarrell FPA W7874

<sup>3</sup>  George Cossler [?]

the 1st part & John Ellerson Colonel in the last part, I do further certify that I was well acquainted with a Mr. Alexander Simpson of said County, & the same year and at the same place did joined the regular Army in the revolutionary war said Simpson enlisted under John Gillerson Captain but was all in the same Regiment as well as I recollect I did not see the said Simpson received the Bounty, but I was present at the time of Rendezvous where he enlisted & served with him the whole of the time we enlisted for which was 3 years all this I well recollect for I was in several Battles with him the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] he was a brave and good soldier & discharged all the Duties of [at] soldier.

Given under my hand this 15th of December 1834

S/ John Jarrell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Jarrell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Jarrell".