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Pension application of John Simmons W6063

Leodosia Simmons f48NC[sic, SC]

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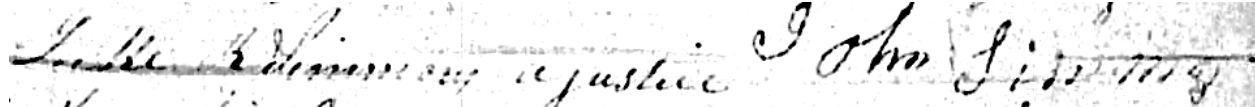
Revolutionary Claims<sup>1</sup>

For the purpose of obtaining the amount of pay accruing to me for the half-year ending on the 2nd day of September 1828 under the act entitled an act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved the 15th May 1828 –

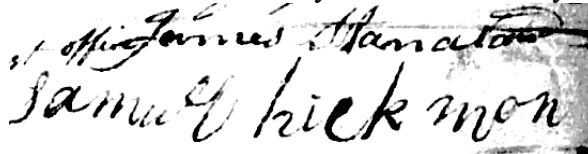
I John Simmons in the County of Columbus in the State of North Carolina do hereby declare that I was a Private Soldier of the Army of the revolution in the Continental line and that I have been found entitled by the Secretary of the treasury under that act to the pay of a private in said line witness my hand this first day of November in the year 1828 before me

S/ Luke R. Simmons, JP

S/ John Simmons



Personally appeared James Stanaland<sup>2</sup> and Samuel Hickmon<sup>3</sup> of said County who did severally make oath that John Simmons by whom the foregoing declaration was made and subscribed is well known to them to be the person therein described and that he is generally reputed and believed to have been a private soldier in the Army of the revolution war in manner as therein stated and the said declaration was made and subscribed by the said John Simmons in their presence on the day and date above written witness my hand this first day of November 1828



State of North Carolina Columbus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

Present the Worshipful: More Lennon, Bythel Haynes, Ephraim Branlon

On this 12th day of November personally appeared before the County Court of Columbus

<sup>1</sup> There must have been some filing before this petition, but it is not in the file as posted on Fold3.com or Ancestry.com.

<sup>2</sup> [James Stanaland S18215](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Samuel Hickmon \(Hickman\) S9581](#)

now in session John Simmons a resident of Columbus County North Carolina aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 with Colonel Peter Hory [sic, Peter Horry] for one year and received as a bounty Eleven guineas he believes – that he was at the time of his enlistment a resident of Brunswick County North Carolina and enlisted in Kingston District South Carolina and served in a light horse company of the South Carolina line he thinks under the following officers that he was first put under the command of Captain William Weathers and was marched across Santee and joined Colonel Shelby then he was marched down Cooper River where we surprised and took about eighty of the British soldiers in a church and conveyed them to General Marion – that he remained with the Army in the neighborhood of Santee and Cooper River during the winter, in the spring he was marched to George Town [Georgetown] South Carolina, after serving about 9 months, he believes he obtained leave of Colonel Horry to enlist with Captain Rue which he did for 3 years in the 2nd Regiment of the South Carolina line he thinks, that he enlisted in George Town South Carolina and was stationed at Cat Island below George Town under the command of Lieutenant Jordan or Torance he believes and that he was marched backwards and forwards between George Town & Cat Island until he was discharged after peace which he believes was about 12 months but does not recollect by whom he was discharged.

S/ John Simmons, X his mark

State of North Carolina Columbus County

This day personally appeared before me Edward Conner<sup>4</sup> who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted during the Revolutionary War and ever since with John Simmons the applicant and to his knowledge, the said John Simmons enlisted in a company of light Horse commanded by Colonel Peter Horry but does not know what time he enlisted or the term of the service, and further knows that he was under the command of Captain Weathers and to his belief served nine months and then enlisted in the 2nd Regiment of the South Carolina line with Captain Rhew soon after this this deponent was marched to Fort Davidson where he remained about 15 months and then was discharged and on his return home found that the father of this applicant was killed in the service and that his mother was likely to suffer that this deponent Lieutenant Conway & Dewit applied and tried to get a substitute for said Simmons to offer in his place that he might return home and take care of his mother and family but failed this deponent knows not when he was discharged.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 30 day of August 1833

S/ E Conner



State of North Carolina Columbus County

This day personally appeared before me Samuel Hickman<sup>5</sup> who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with John Simmons this applicant for a pension and to his knowledge the aforesaid John Simmons did enlist at the same time with this deponent on the 10th or 11th of October 1781 as well as can be recollected with Colonel Peter Horry in a

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<sup>4</sup> [Edward Conner S21123](#)

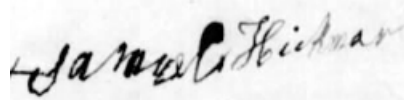
<sup>5</sup> Sic, [Samuel Hickmon \(Hickman\) S9581](#)

Regiment of light horse for 12 months and in the year 1782 this deponent obtain the leave of Colonel Horry to enlist in the regular service for 3 years which he did with Captain Rhue of the 2nd Regiment and in a very short time after John Simmons this applicant enlisted with Captain Rhue of the 2nd Regiment shortly after this deponent was marched to the Congaree & they were separated during the war.

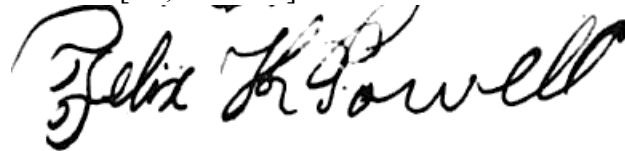
Sworn and subscribed to this 30 day of August 1833

S/ L. R. Simmons, JP

S/ Samuel Hickman



[p 14: On May 13, 1844 in Columbus County North Carolina, Felix are powerful, 26, filed a claim as the son-in-law of John and Leodosia Simmons claiming the pension due his mother in law; he states that the veteran, John Simmons died November 15, 1836 leaving Leodoais his widow who died January 21, 1844 leaving only 5 children surviving her to wit: Priscilla the declarant's wife; Luke R Simmons; John A. Simmons, Susannah Simmons who intermarried with Matthew Johnson; and Darkes [sic, Dorcas?] 72 intermarried with Jackson Neeley.



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[p 11: Isaac Simmons, 76, testified in Brunswick County North Carolina on April 4th, 1844 that he was present at the marriage of John Simmons, pensioner, to Leodosia Gore in September 1789.



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$87.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service in the cavalry and 15 months service in the infantry, all in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>6</sup> relating to John Simmons

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 7002

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No. 66:

[Book] X [No.] 170 – 1 August 85 [1785]

John Simmons, for 365 days duty in Militia from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1781, to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1782, at 10/ [10 Shillings old South Carolina currency] per day Amount £26.1.5 [Sterling]

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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<sup>6</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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Six Guineas Bounty money is due to the bearer John Simmons  
The Public will Settle the Sume [Sum] W<sup>h</sup> [which?] any person that will Supply the amount &  
send his receipt to

S/ P Horry

G. Town [Georgetown] June 10 82

Received the Contents [?] in full for my Bounty

Witness S/ Wm Graham

John Simmons, X his mark

*Six Guineas Bounty money is due to the Bearer John Simmons  
The Public will settle the same W<sup>h</sup> any person that will supply  
the amount & send his rec<sup>t</sup> to \_\_\_\_\_ P. Horry*

*G. Town June 10. 82*

*I have Received the Contents in full for My Bounty  
Witness Wm Graham*

*John Simmons  
Mark*

Gentlemen/ Be pleased to Deliver the Bearer All the Indents due me from the State of South  
Carolina for services done in Colonels Maham & Horry's Regiment of Cavalry and you will  
much Oblige Gentlemen your most humble Servant

Witness

(none)

This day I acknowledge to have sold unto \_\_\_ All the Indents due me from the State of South  
Carolina and do hereby authorize him to assign over said Indents In my name to any person  
whatsoever for their own use

Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1791

Witness

[no evidence signed of a signature]