

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isham Simmons W8725 Nancy fn48NC
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State of Kentucky County of Monroe: SS

On this 3rd day of March 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Monroe County now sitting Isham Simmons a resident of Monroe County and State of Kentucky aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of and Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer Militia man from the County of Guilford North Carolina under the command of Captain Henry Dixon the Number of the Regiment not recollected but was commanded by Colonel Nashe [sic, Francis Nash?]. The claimant cannot state as to the day or month when he entered the service but recollects it was the latter part of the year 1776 they rendezvoused at Captain Dixon's own house. We were marched down near Wilmington on the Cape Fear River where we continued until the spring of the year 1777 having served six months and was marched back to our home County without having any engagement during this tour and was discharged by Captain Dixon – he further states that he volunteered as a private in the Militia from the same County and State above mentioned and under the same Captain and Colonel about the first of July 1777 for six months in General Moore's Brigade. We rendezvoused at Captain Dixon's own house and was marched down the Cape Fear River where we learned the Tories were embodied near Moore's bridge we were marched towards them but before we reached said Bridge General Caswell defeated them. Thence we were marched to Wilmington NC. Thence to Charlestown thence to Brunswick where we had an engagement with the British and was defeated by them after firing three or four rounds we retreated to Fort Johnson we were marched to Wilmington sometime in the month of December and his Captain went home & did not return to our Camps until in the month of February when he was discharged by his Captain which discharge he recollects was given for seven months and eight days.

The Claimant further declares he was drafted from the same County and State and served as a private in the militia under the command of Captain Davis and Colonel McDowell for the term of four months he is of the opinion in the year 1780 but the day nor month is he certain of or even the year. During this tour they had an engagement with the British at a bridge called Beacons bridge and was discharged by Colonel McDowell. The Claimant further declares he is not positive as to the dates of any terms of service for he is now old and infirm Consequently a

great loss of memory he cannot swear positively to any of the dates that he is certain as to the length of each tour as set forth in this declaration all of the aforesaid Discharges is lost and that he has no other documentary evidence whatever and that he knows of no person whose evidence he can procure who can testify as to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Isham Simmons, X his mark

[Isaac Denton, a clergyman in Jackson County Tennessee, and A. T. Marrs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 39]

State of Tennessee Grainger County: On this 9th Day of September 1834 Personally appeared William Norris¹ aged about eighty-one years before the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Isham Simmons whose Declaration was taken in the County of Monroe and State of Kentucky on the 3rd day of March 1834 and is herewith annexed. The affiant states that he was well acquainted with said Isham Simmons during the time of his first and second tours in the Army of the Revolution and does believe that he served as he states in his Declaration having a knowledge of his being gone from home during the same period and never heard it doubted but what he was in the Army, he further states that he served with said Simmons during the third tower [tour] and he recollects that Simmons was under Captain Davis as stated in the declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above written

S/ John Chesney, JP

S/ William Norris, X his mark

[fn p. 39-40: John Lovel, 80, Tennessee and John Simmons, 82, both of Grainger County, Tennessee gave supporting affidavits without saying they were in service with the veteran. The relationship, if any, of John Simmons to the veteran is not stated.]

[fn p. 9: On May 27, 1839 in Monroe County Kentucky, Nancy Simmons, 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Isham Simmons, a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$53.33 per annum; that she married him March 20, 1793; that she knows no witness to their marriage living in this part of the country; that her husband died July 18, 1836 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 45: On January 27, 1840 in Monroe County Kentucky, the widow made further statement saying she was married to the veteran on March 20, 1792, 9 months and 13 days thereafter their eldest son Joseph Simmons was born on January 2, 1793; that she is not certain whose handwriting is in the family registry² showing the ages of her children but she thinks the first 2 entries were made by her brother-in-law John Simmons.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [William Norris S38963](#)

² I did not see any record that appeared to be the family record referred to in this file.