

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sikes W9653

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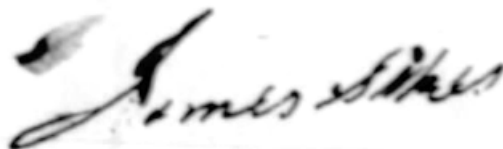
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[fn p. 5]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the relief of Certain Surviving Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I James Sikes of the County of Brunswick in the State of North Carolina, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until the termination at which period I was a Sergeant in Captain James Mills' Company in the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80, which I was entitled to under the resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 – And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828, on the Pension list of the United States.



[fn p. 9]

Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
27 April 1829

James Sikes of \_\_ in the County of Brunswick in the State of North Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Sergeant in Captain James Mills's Company, in the 5th regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins  
Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
28th April 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that James Sikes is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

The name of James Sikes cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line, to whom certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office  
30 April 1829

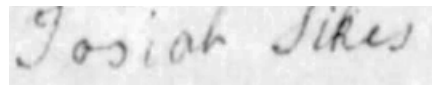
The records of this office do not show that James Sikes of the North Carolina line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

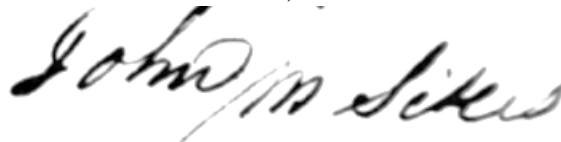
Enlisted 6 February 1782 full 1-year

[fn p. 12: On November 21, 1838, in Brunswick County North Carolina, Drusilla him Sikes, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of James Sikes; that she married him November 19, 1782; that he died December 5, 1832; that she remains his widow; that he served throughout the revolutionary war in different capacities of Lieutenant, Captain and Major; that he died in his residence in Brunswick County North Carolina.]

[fn p. 14: although very faint, it appears that in 1839, Josiah Sykes, 80, gave a supporting affidavit in which he says that his brother James Sikes enlisted and served during the war; that he enlisted in Wilmington New Hanover County as a common soldier; and that it was always understood that while in service he obtained the rank of Major; that his brother was born on the Tar River in Edgecombe County North Carolina and was raised in New Hanover County North Carolina.

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[fn p. 16: On January 23, 1839, in Brunswick County North Carolina John M Sikes gave testimony that he is the son of the late James Sikes; that his father was born in Edgecombe County on July 25, 1752; that his father was raised in New Hanover County North Carolina; removed to Brunswick County where he died December 5th, 1832.

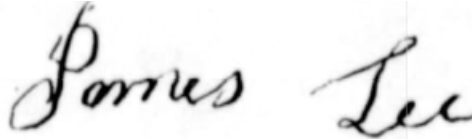


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North Carolina Bladen County: Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace for said County James Lee and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith as follows viz. That he was acquainted with James Sikes (who was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and saw him serving a 12 months tower [tour] under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina near Charleston on Ashley River, he was serving as a Sergeant Major in the said tower, I saw him when he was discharged, I served with him about one month before he was discharged, I knew him to have been a good soldier & a true mandate his country.

Sworn to before made this 16th of January 1839

S/ James Lee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Lee". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ G. W. Bannerman, JP

[fn p. 25]

Raleigh 1st March 1839

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 21st Ultimo, asking for any information in the Secretary's Office touching the services of James Sikes in the revolutionary War, is received, and on examination of the musterrolls I find that James Sykes enlisted as a Sergeant in Captain Mills's Company of the 10th Regiment on the 6th of February 1782 for 12 months, and was Sergeant Major on the first September 1782. That James Sykes enlisted in Captain Bacot's Company of the 10th Regiment in 1782 for 18 months, from which it is to be inferred there were two persons of the same name in the service at the same time, and it appears from the Warrant book, that a warrant for bounty land was issued to the heirs of James Sykes on the 30th of September 1785 or 640 acres of land No. 2686 drawn by Sherrod Barrow – 640 acres was the quantity of land allowed to a heirs of a Soldier (private) who died in service, none were allowed land who did not serve two years or die in the service. A Sergeant who died in service was entitled to 1000 Acres. I have given you above every word & figure respecting those two Soldiers, found on the rolls.

Yours respectfully

S/ Wm Hill [Secretary of State]

[fn p. 27: the widow testified that she married her husband November 19, 1782, that on the 23rd day of December 1783 her son Walter Gibson Sikes was born; that on the 10th day of November 1785, her son James Sikes was born; that on the 8th day of March 1788 her son Alexander Sikes was born; that on the 29th day of October 1792, her daughter Mildred Sikes was born; that on the 5th day of May 1795 her daughter Ann Jane Sikes was born; that on the 15th day of April 1798 her son Bunbuz [?] Lay [?] Sikes was born; that on the 31st day of September 1800 her son Felix MacMaster Sikes was born; that on the 25th day of May 1802 her daughter Margaret Sikes was born; that on the 15th day of May 1806 her son William Howard Sikes was born; and that on the 10th day of August 1819 her son John Madison Sikes was born.]

[fn p. 33]

State of North Carolina Brunswick County: Personally appeared before me Purdie Richardson

one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Brunswick at the house of John M. Sikes in said County William R Hall who being duly sworn deposes and saith as follows (viz.) that, he was long acquainted with James Sikes late husband of Drusilla Sikes whose deposition accompanies this that he was a man of veracity and that he was entitled to credit that he heard the said James Sikes speak of his being in the Revolutionary War and particularly of the Battle near Camden South Carolina called Gates defeat – he spoke of the mode of attack and generally of what took place after the battle the particulars of which is not recollected and further this deponent saith not. This 20th of March 1839

S/ Purdie Richardson, JP

S/ Wm R. Hall

[fn p. 36: two witnesses testified that they were personally present at the wedding of James Sikes to Drusilla Howard in Bladen County in 1782 or 1783 at the house of James White Esquire on South River.]

[fn p. 38]

North Carolina New Hanover County: Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace for said County Francis Pridgen<sup>1</sup> and after being duly sworn according to law deposed and saith as follows, viz., That in 1782 he the said Francis Pridgen joined General Green's Army at Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River near Charleston in South Carolina, where he found James Sikes of New Hanover County and State aforesaid (a Soldier of the Revolution) with whom he was acquainted in General Green's Army, the Army remained at Bacons Bridge on Ashley River near Charleston until the weather began to grow warm and then the Army moved down to Ashley Hill where the Army remained until I had served out my 12 months tower [tour] and I was then discharged at Ashley Hill and I left James Sikes there in General Green's Army. James Sikes acted as Sergeant Major in General Green's Army a part of the time, Dugal McKay was Sergeant Major but he died and James Sikes was promoted to the office of Sergeant Major, he was a good Soldier & a good officer. James Sikes told me that after I was discharged he was promoted in the Army to a higher office & was commissioned but I do not recollect whether it was as Lieutenant, a Captain's or 8 Major's Commission that he got but it was one or the other of the Commissions. During my tower of service James Sikes and myself messed together in Camp in General Greene's Army and I always understood that he remained in the Army until the close of the War & was regularly discharged at Wilmington New Hanover County, North Carolina.

The names of the officers Commanding during my 12 months tower of service with the said James Sikes were as follows, viz., General Greene, Colonel Litle [sic Archibald Lytle], Major Griffith McKee [sic, Griffith John McRee] of Bladen County North Carolina, Captain James Mills of Hood's Creek Brunswick County North Carolina, Lieutenant Hardy homes of Sampson County North Carolina, Sergeant Major James Sikes of New Hanover County North Carolina, orderly Sergeant Jonathan Jones of Onslow County North Carolina, surgeon Doctor James Fergus of Wilmington New Hanover County North Carolina, Adjutant Curtis Ivy of Sampson County North Carolina.

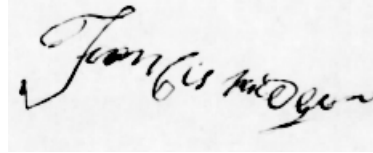
Sworn to before made this 19th January 1839

S/ Thomas J Corbett, JP

S/ Francis Pridgeon

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<sup>1</sup> [Francis Pridgeon W6880](#)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. Holmes". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of North Carolina Brunswick County: Personally appeared before me Miles Potter one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid John Holmes<sup>2</sup> who being duly sworn according to law deposed & saith as follows, viz., that he was long acquainted with the late James Sikes late husband of Drusilla Sikes in General Greens Army in South Carolina that the aforesaid James Sikes was serving in general Green's Army as Sergeant Major in the year of our Lord 1782 & that he the aforesaid James Sikes continued in the service under the aforesaid General Green until the close of the Revolutionary war when the line of March was taken up from South Carolina to Wilmington North Carolina where the aforesaid James Sikes together with the whole line or command were Regularly Discharged and aforesaid James Sikes was raised in New Hanover County, North Carolina and removed from thence to the County of Brunswick where he died – the names of the officers with & under the aforesaid General Green were as follows, viz., Colonel William Dickson of the County of Duplin North Carolina, Major Griffith McRee of Bladen County North Carolina & Captain James Mills of Brunswick County North Carolina & Lieutenant Bush of Duplin County North Carolina and Sergeant Major James Sikes of New Hanover County North Carolina, orderly Sergeant John Jones of Duplin County, North Carolina, Adjutant Slade of Neuse North Carolina, Surgeon Doctor James Fergus of Wilmington North Carolina. And further this deponent saith not.

This the 4th day of April in the year of our Lord 1839.

Test: S/ Miles Potter, JP

S/ John Holmes, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$48.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for the 6 months 24 days service of her husband as a private and the 5 months 6 days service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> This MAY be the same man as [John R. Holmes R5173](#) although the services described by Holmes in his own application do not match the services described above.