

Pension Application for John Simmons

W.26442 (Widow: Margaret Moffit, married 12 February 1824.)

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Private, Captain Underdunk, Col. Hays.

State of Ohio

Monroe County SS.

On the 3d day of June AD 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Com Pleas of Monroe County in the 5th Judicial circuits of said state, John Simmons a resident of Jackson Township in the County of Monroe aforesaid and State of Ohio, aged 72 years on the 24th day of Oct next, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, that he was enrolled as a malitiaman in the United States Service AD 1778 under Captain Underdorf of Clarkstown Orange County, State of New York—in the Ridgement commanded by Col. Hays—that he continued in the Militia for Two years guarding & protecting the frontier line of the west side of the North River from Topon to Powells Hook at which time I left the militia and enlisted in the regular service in the United States army in the year 1781 and left the same in about six months afterwards—that he enlisted in Clarkstown Orange County N. York was in divers skirmishes both while in the Militia & Regular Service—marched through the State of N. York—that he enlisted under Captain Bowman in Col. Wisenfield's Ridgement Lieutenant McCarty & Ensign Hadley were the officers which he served under—he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state in the United States. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) John Simmons, applicant. Robert F. Naylor, Clerk

Question by the court to the applicant

1. Where and in what year were you born. Ans. I was born in the City of New York in the year 1761.
2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it—Ans I have a record of my age on a leaf that was taken out of my father's Bible.
3. Where were you living when called into the service. Ans. I was living in Orange County New York.
4. Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now reside. Ans. I lived in Shenango County N. York for twenty years from that I moved to Pensylvania and I now life in Monroe Cty Ohio.
5. How were you called into service. Ans. I was enrolled as a militia man for two years, then I enlisted for six months.
6. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served—such continental & militia Redgements as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services. Ans. Col. Wisenfield, Captain Bowman, Lieut, McCarty, and Ensign Handley, first Sagent Volentim, Lieut Frederick, under Capt. Underdunk in the militia.
7. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. Ans. I do not recollect of ever having received any discharge and if I did receive one I have lost it.
8. State the names of person to whom you are known in your own neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Ans. Mary D. Linch, Robt W. Cunningham and Peter Witten & John Bridgeman.