

Pension Application for Aaron Simons

W.177816 (Widow: Mehitable) Aaron died Mar 28, 1830.

State of Connecticut

Litchfield County SS

April 28th day AD 1818 before me Augustus Pettibone Chief Judge of the county Court for the said county of Litchfield Personally appeared Aaron Simons aged fifty six years resident in the town of Colebrook in the County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act of provide for Certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

That he the said Aaron Simons enlisted at Windsor in the State of Connecticut on the 23rd day of May AD 1777 for the term of three years in Capt John Harmon's Company and Colo Durkes Regiment which was called known by the Continental Regiment after he with the company had joined the Army say about eighteen months Capt Harmon left the service and Capt Seth Phelps took the command of the Company who Commanded it until he the said Aaron Simons was Discharged –were firstly stationed at and near the Highlands in the State of New York from thence marched into the State of Pensilvania [Pennsylvania] and had Winter Quarters at a place cal'd Valey [Valley] later that the regiment marched to the State of New Jersey and from thence to the White Plains and had Winter Quarters at Reading the State of Connecticut, the next campaign went to the Highlands and West Point and took up Winter Quarters in the State of New Jersey employed at Westfield and Springfield where he was discharged by Colo Meigs who had the command then there.

He was in the battle at Germantown—was also at the taking of Stonnepoint [Stony Point] and several small skirmishes. His discharge he has lost—and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his Country for support.

Sworn to and Declared before me the day and year aforesaid. Augustus Pettibone, Chief Judge.

Letter in folder dated September 30, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to the husband of Methetable Simons, of Colebrook, Connecticut.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.17816, based upon the services of Aaron Simons, whose widow was Methitable.

Aaron Simons enlisted at Windsor, Connecticut, May 23, 1777, served as a private in Captains John Harmon and Seth Phelps' Company, Colonel Durkee's Connecticut Regiment; as in the battle of Germantown, in winter quarters at Valley Forge, at the storming of Stony Point and in several small skirmishes and was discharged in May 1780, at Westfield or Springfield, New Jersey, by Colonel Meigs who as then in command at the place of discharge.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 28, 1818, at which time he was aged fifty-six years and resided at Colebrook, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

He died August 28, 1830, at Colebrook, Connecticut. The date and place of his birth are not shown.

The soldier married October 7, 1784, at said Colebrook, Mahitabel Simons; no relationship between the soldier and his wife was shown. Their marriage was recorded on the records of the Congregational Church at Norfolk, Connecticut.

A son, aged twenty years in 1820, was referred to but his name was not given and there is no further reference to children.

In 1838, Samuel Simons, then aged seventy-three years, was a resident of Colebrook, Connecticut, and stated that he was present at the wedding of Aaron Simons and Mahtitabel Simons; no relationship to the soldier or his widow was shown.

No charge is made for this service.