

**Pension Application for John Simons or Simmons**

S.42301

State of New York

Columbia County SS

John Simons being fifty seven years & [?] of the Town of Canaan in the county aforesaid being duly sworn declareth and saith that he the said John Simons enlisted and entered on Board the ship Confederacy commanded by Captain Seth Harding at the port of New London in the State of Connecticut on the seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine and served as Mariner on Board said Ship until the twentieth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty at which time the said deponant at the city of Philadelphia served a regular discharge signed by the said Capt Seth Harding that the said ship mounted thirty six guns and belonged to, and was during the time he served on Board in the imployment of the United States against the Common enemy and the said John Simons further deposeseth and saith that he was born in said county of Columbia, land has no othere means of supporting his family [family] But by his own Labour and that he actually needs public aid to obtain a Comfortable support in his [?] years, and the deponent further saith that the said Captain Harding is dead & that he has lost his discharge and knows of no person living in this part of the Country who served with him on Board said Ship or could give evidence of his actual service, and the deponent further saith that he served on Board the United States ship Warren mounting thirty tow guns for thirty six days in the year 1778 said shop was commanded by Capt. John B. Hopkins he inlisted and served for the special purpose of running said chip to some safe Port and that he left the ship in the port of Boston. (Signed) John Simons

Subscribed and sworn the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 Before me David W. Patterson one of the Court of common Please [Pleas] for the County of Columbia, N.Y. David W. Patterson.