

Pension Application for John G. Simpkins or Simkins

R.9592 (Widow: Margaret)

State of Illinois

Franklin County SS.

On this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, personally appeared in open court, to wit, the circuit Court in and for the County of Franklin and State of Illinois (being a court of record, made so by the Legislative authority of said State) John G. Simpkins, a resident of said County, aged about seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th day of march 1818, and the 1st May 1820,1 that he the said Simpkins enlisted for the term of three years, on the [blank] day of October 1777, in the State of New York, in the company commanded by Captain John Rodolph of Col. Henry Lee's Light Horse, commonly called "The Legion" in the line of the State of Virginia, on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said troop until the [blank] day of [blank] 1781, when he was discharged from the service in the State of North Carolina.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any state; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz: "That together with his little property and labour he has heretofore been able to subsist himself, but that through misfortune and personal debility he is now reduced to the necessity of asking his county's aid".

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so do diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of John G. Simpkins property

Viz: One sorrel mare of the value of \$30.00

Debt due to me in Tennessee 50.00

Debt due to me in Tennessee 14.00

One Lot of Hogs of the value of 25.00

Household furniture of the value of 50.00

\$169.00

(Signed with his mark) John G. Simpkins

Since the 18th day of March 1818, the following change has been made in my property to wit.

Two Mares died value \$100

Hogs died of the value of \$100

Two five year old steers, sold to Charles Shults 15th June 1826. Rec'd Shultz's not for \$50.00

Four Horned cattle two years old, sold to Joshua Pool 15th June 1826, Rec'd Pools note for \$14.00.

I am a farmer by occupation, but am now unable to pursue it from bodily infirmity. I have in family my wife of sixty one years of age, who is infirm to do anything for a support, and one daughter of the age of about eighteen years who is able to subsist herself by her labour.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court on the 19th day of September AD 1826 before me James Hall, Judge of the fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Illinois, and presiding Judge of the Circuit Court, in and for the County of Franklin and State of Illinois James Hall.

Letter in folder dated January 15, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of January 9, in which you request the records of soldiers of the Revolution.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.9592, that John G. Simpkins or Simkins enlisted in New York State in October, 1777, and served until some time in 1781 as private in Captain John Rudolph's company in Colonel Henry Lee's Legion of Continental Dragoons.

The soldier married December 11, 1785 in Lancaster District, South Carolina, Margaret Moor, who was born Aug. 26, 1766.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 20, 1826, at which time he was living in Franklin county, Illinois and was about seventy years of age.

In 1838 he was living in Vigo County, Indiana with his daughter, Isabella Norris. In 1839 he was living in Franklin, Illinois.

It was stated that this soldier had nine children, of whom James was the seventh child. The following are the only names which appear in the papers on file:

William Moore Simkins born June 3, 1793.

Sarah Simkins born September 7, 1795.

John Simkins born November 23, 1797.

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James Simkins born July 10, 1805.

Margaret (Polley) Simkins born July 10, 1805.

Isabella (Ibby) Norris

The following children were living in 1854:--Margaret Gulley, Isabella (Ibby) Norris and James Simkins.

It appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.10189, that Elijah Lacy was born October 14, 1764 in Hanover County, Virginia.

While a resident of Goochland County, Virginia, he enlisted and served as private with the Virginia troops, as follows:

In the fall of 1778, three months in Captain Parrish's company under Colonel Bland; in the summer of 1780, three months in Captain Gideon Hatcher's company; in the fall of 1780, two months in Captain Gideon Hatcher's Company; in the fall of 1780, two months in captain Tom Royster's company in Colonels Woodson's and Gregory Smith's regiments, and was discharged January 18, 1781; from August 1781, about two months in Captain Miller's company in Colonels William Fleming's and Tailor's regiments.

He stated that his mother was living when he enlisted but that his father had died some years before, but did not give their names.

He lived in Goochland County, Virginia, from 1770 until 1805, when he moved to Fayette County, Kentucky; from there he moved to Woodford County, Kentucky and in 1825 he moved to Owen County, Indiana. The soldier died April 25, 1846 in Morgan County, Indiana, at the home of his son, Jesse Lacy.

The soldier married October 26, 1787 in Louisa County, Virginia, Frankey Holland, who was born April 8, 1766.

She was allowed pension on her application executed April 1, 1847, at which time she was living in Owen County, Indiana.

In 1839 she was living in Ray Township, Morgan County, Indiana.

Elijah and Frankey Lacy had the following children:

Polley born October 5, 1788.

Jessee born July 10, 1790.

Stephen born June 1, 1792.

Peter born June 14, 1794.

Eliza born May 8, 1796.

Patsey born December 29, 1797.

A daughter, whose name is not designated, married Stephen F. Hancock, Owens Co., Md.

This is the history of the only soldier named Elijah Lacy that is found on the Revolutionary War Records of this bureau.

It appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.3144, that John Dunn was born August 21, 1758 in Albemarle County, Virginia.

He applied for pension February 1, 1834, while a resident of Monroe County, Virginia, and alleged the following service; that he enlisted September 21 or 22, 1778 in Captain Marks' Virginia company, was engaged in guarding prisoners at Albemarle Barracks and was discharged March 22, 1779; that while a resident of Rockingham County, Virginia, he enlisted May 17, 1781 and served three months in Captain Jeremiah Beasley's Virginia company, that he was in the company that chased Tarleton from Charlottesville to Jamestown, Virginia, was in a battle at Hotwater and

in one at Jamestown; that in the fall of 1782 he moved to Rich Creek, Greenbrier (later Monroe) County, Virginia, and enlisted, and enlisted as Indian spy June 1, 1783, and served as such until November 1, 1783.

His claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service as required by the pension law.

The papers in this pension claim contain no data relative to this soldier's family.

It appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.39352, that Samuel Coalter or Colter enlisted in Berks County, Pennsylvania January 2, 1776 as quartermaster sergeant in Captain John Reese's company, Colonel Sinclair's Pennsylvania regiment and served one year. He was commissioned lieutenant in April or May, 1777 and entered the service in Captain Samuel Moore's company, Colonel Thomas Craig's Pennsylvania regiment, and served until the battle of Monmouth, at which place he received a wound and was obliged to withdraw from the service. He enlisted in 1778 or 1779 as orderly sergeant in Captain Irish's Pennsylvania company, was later appointed sergeant or the guard at the Virginia State Laboratory under Colonel William Davis and served in this capacity until November, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 10, 1825, at which time he was a resident of Botetourt County, Virginia, aged seventy-one years.

In that year he stated that he had "no family residing with him" except his wife who was sixty years of age, her name not given. There are no further data relative to the soldier's family.

The above noted is the history of the only soldier named Samuel Coalter, searched under all spellings of the name, that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.