

Pension Application for Andrew Simson

S.29459

Private, Captain Hutchens, Col. Williams Regt.

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this sixteenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Steuben now sitting Andrew Simpson a resident of the Town of Jasper in the said County of Steuben and State of New York aged seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed June 7th 1832—

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—

That in the year 1777 he lived in Salem, Washington County New York and that on or about the twenty fifth day of June in that year the alarm was given at that place that Benggyne was coming down the lakes and a call was made for the Militia of the County to oppose him—that he volunteered in a company of militia at Salem aforesaid commanded by a Captain Hutchins attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. John Williams—that they marched from Salem through Ruskert and Hubbarton now State of Vermont to Ticonderoga where they arrived on the first day of July and remained until that fort was evacuated a few days afterwards when the said company retreated with the American Army and returned to Salem—that after he arrived at Salem he continued in said company and was employed a part of the time in reconnoitering the British Army and a part of the time in building a picket fort in the said village of Salem—that he remained at Salem in said fort until the fore part of August when he was dismissed from said service without a written discharge and went to his father's who had then removed to a small place twenty miles from Salem called St. Coix—where he remained until the alarm was given that the enemy was in the neighborhood of Bennington a short time after his arrival home and he immediately started for that place where he arrived one or two days before the Battle in Company with thirty or forty others and formed themselves into a company and chose one John Barnes to be their Captain—that the said company was engaged in the Battle of Bennington and that he was in the said company at the time and was one of the party under the command of Col. Hernick who first stormed the breast works of the enemy—That immediately after their return home from that Battle Capt. Barnes was ordered to raise a company of rangers, that the applicant enlisted in said company and was employed in guarding the frontiers of New York until the latter part of October 1777 when he was dismissed at Salem in aforesaid and did not receive a written discharge.

That in the month of March 1778 and as he thinks near the middle of that month he enlisted in a company of Militia at Salem aforesaid commanded by the said Capt. Barnes for the term of nine months—that at the time of said enlistment he resided at Salem—That James Moore Jr. was a lieutenant in said company—that the said company never joined the regiment to which it belonged and he does not know whose regiment it was but he understood it was Col. Graham's regiment—That he was employed from the time of his said enlistment in Scouting along the lakes and frontiers of New York to protect them from the depredations of the tories and Indians until the expiration of his term when he was discharged at Albany in the month of December 1778—That he received a written discharge but does not recollect who signed it—That said discharge was destroyed about twenty five years ago in his father's house which was burnt.

That he returned to Salem and remained until the latter part of March 1779 when he was drafted at that place into a company of Militia commanded by a Capt. Stockwell for the term of nine months. That said company never joined the regiment while he continued in it and he does not recollect the name of the Colonel That he continued in said company and was employed in guarding the frontiers of New York from Canada to Whitehall when Skeenesborough to protect them from the attacks

of Tories and Indians until the expiration of six months of his said term. When he hired a substitute who served out the rest of his time and he went home to his father at Salem. That he did not receive a written discharge.—After his said return he did not again regularly enlist in active service but joined a company of minute men who held himself at all times in readiness to perform duty in case of an alarm.—That about two weeks after his return from Stockwell's company an alarm was given and the said company of private men was assembled to meet the enemy who it was reported coming down Lake Champlain—that they marched up the lakes above Crown Point under the command of a Lieutenant Stewart and were gone better than three weeks before they reached home.

That while the war continued he was frequently out and at times of alarm, sometimes for one week and some times for more—that he lived in a part of the country which lay much exposed to the attacks of the Indians, British and Tories who came often down Lake Champlain from Canada, but that he is utterly unable to make any correct estimate of the time he was actually out on duty for the reason that he does not recollect the several times when he was so out.—That according to the best of his recollection he should think he was out at the times of the said alarms, altogether considerable more than six months.

That he was born in the Town of Piqua, Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 14 day of June 1761—

That he has no record of his age and knows the same only from his age and known the same only from his recollection of the information given to him by his relatives and friends—

That after the war he continued to reside at Salem aforesaid until the year 1797 when he removed to Scipio, Cayuga County in the State of New York where he resided about fourteen years and from thence he removed to Jasper, Steuben County New York where he now lives and where he has lived ever since his removal from Scipio.—

That he has no other evidence of his services than the affidavits hereto annexed of Alexander McNitt and James Simpson that said affidavits were taken in 1819 when he intended to have made application for a pension but ascertained that he was not entitled to one under the then existing laws—that said McNitt was acquainted with most of the said services and that he did not insert the whole in the said affidavits because he supposed nine months service would then have intitled him to a pension—that both the makers of said affidavits are now dead.

That he has no knowledge of any other evidence he can procure.

That in his present neighborhood he is known [?] William Hunter, Andrew Craig, Philip Failing, Nicholas Bruteman, Ebenezer Samuel Cady, Jonathan Powers, John Deck & others who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.—(Signed) Andrew Simson

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid M. S. Rumsey Dep Cler, Steuben County.

Chenango County SS.

John McNitt of Norwich in the County of Chenango, and State of New York aged seventy five years, being duly sworn deposed and saith: That he was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution.—That he was acquainted with Andrew Simpson formerly of Salem, Washington County, now of Jasper in the County of Steuben, and was brought up in the same neighborhood with him. That he this deponent and the said Andrew Simpson, were in the service together at the times and in the places hereinafter mentioned. That on or about the 25th of June 1777, at the time Gen. Burgoyne's Army came from Canada to Ticonderoga the said Andrew Simpson together with this deponent, volunteered at White Creek (now Salem) under the command of Capt. Charles Hutchins, Maj. Thomas Armstrong & Col. John Williams; and proceeded to Ticonderoga.—That they arrived there on Wednesday the fifth day after they started, and on the Sunday morning succeeding retreated with the Army, under the command of

Gen. St. Clair across Lake Champlain on a floating Bridge between Ticonderoga & Mount Independence & returned home.--That they then volunteered to build a picket fort around the meeting house at White Creek in a company of Continental's sent by Gen. Schuyler, under the command of Capt. McCrackan. That orders were then received from the General to evacuate White Creek, and meet the Army at Stillwater.—That the Militia and volunteers were then dismissed about the last of July. That in the month of September or October succeeding this deponent and said Simpson started from White Creek & went to Saratoga under the command of Lieut. Barnes, Col. Williams & Major Armstrong, and joined that part of the army then under the command of Gen. Fellows. That they were in various skirmishing until the capitulation of Gen. Burgoyne when they were discharged.

That in March 1778, this deponent knows that said Simpson enlisted at White Creek for 9 months under Capt. John Barnes, Lieut James Moore and Col. Graham—that he went to White Hall, then called Skeenesburgh—from thence to Fort Ann and after remaining there three months was stationed at Sandy Hill, where he remained until the latter part of October. From there he went to a place twelve miles from Albany called Hollybarrach and remained there until the close of the year when he was dismissed.

That in March 1779, the said Andrew Simpson was drafted for a nine months service, to the knowledge of this deponent. That he served about three months and then by the permission of his commanding officer procured a substitute for the remainder of the time. That this service was under Capt. Stockwell.

That this deponent was afterwards and until the close of the war engaged in various scouting parties with the said Simpson and further saith not. (Signed) John McNitt
(December 18, 1835), Perez Randall, Justice of the Peace

Letter dated August 10, 1927.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension Claim S.29459, it appears that Andrew Simson was born June 14, 1761 at Piqua, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

While residing at Salem, Washington County, New York, he served as a private in the New York Troops, as follows—

From June 25, 1777 in Captain Charles Hutchins' Company, Colonel John Williams' Regiment he was at the battle of Bennington, under Captain John Barnes and Colonel Herrick, and served until after the surrender of Burgoyne; from March 1778, nine months in Captain John Barnes' Company, Colonel Graham's Regiment; from March 1779, about six months in Captain Stockwell's Company. After this he was a minute-man, a part of the time under Lieutenant Stewart, he was out on several alarms and served in all six months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 16, 1832, while a resident of Jasper, Steuben County, New York.

Soldier's father was living about twenty miles from Salem, New York in 1777, his name is not given. Soldier's son, Herman C., is referred to in 1833. The name of soldier's wife is not on record, and there is no further data as to children.