

Washington County, Pennsylvania

Pension Records of Simeon Simpson

(1743 – 1830)

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[The following is a page from Simeon Simpson's family bible with an appended note signed by Stephen Simpson]

Simeon Simpson and Sarah Rutan was married June the 6th Sixth in the year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy five 1775 Sarah Rutan was born January the 14 fourteenth in the year 1756

State of Penn^a

Washington County / Before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for s^d county personally appeared Stephen Simpson who being first duly sworn doth depose and say that the above record is in the hand writing of my late brother Simeon Simpson deceased who[?] widow now claims a pension from the United States and that the above record was made by him immediately after his marriage with his present widow. This leaf is out of a bible which I know belonged to him and which he had received from his first wifes Father Zeakel Mulford. I have often seen the bible in his possession before and after his marriage with his present widow

sworn & subscribed this 25
Nov^r 1838 before me

[signed] Stephen Simpson

[signed] Wm Lindly



[The following is another page from Simeon's family bible]

Israel Eldrige Sun of Simeon and Mary Simpson was born October 15 day which was Saturday in the year . . . 1763

And he departed this life June the 5th . . . 1766

lidia Simson daughter of Simeon and Mary Simson was born November the 30th . . 1765[? blotted]



No 585

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the third Section of the act of Congress of the 4th July, 1836

State of Pennsylvania

Washington County ss

On the 8th day of November 1836 personally appeared before Hon^{bl} Thomas H Baird President Judge of the court of common Pleas in and for said county of Washington and state of Pennsylvania aged Eighty one years past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Semion Simpson who was a Soldier in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary war and issued as herein stated. In the month of June 1776, The said Semion Simpson volunteered for and served a month under Captain Gathanite of Col Thomas regiment of militia of Essex County New Jersey The company under Captain Gathanite were marched to and stationed at New York and during their stay there the British fleet and army arrived and landed the troops on Staen Island and immediately after ~~they~~ ^he^ were marched to and stationed at Elizabethtown, until his term of one month expired when he was discharged and returned home

Beginning of August 1776, The said Simeon Simpson was drafted and Served a tour of one month under Captain Crain of Col Thomas regiment, he was Marched to and Stationed with the Company at Elizabethtown and during this tour the battle of long Island took place, and when his term of one month had expired he was discharged and he returned home.

In October 1776, he was again drafted and Served a tour of one month under Captain Wood, he was marched to Springfield and remained with the Company there for a few days when they were marched to Elizabethtown, and during this tour he was stationed or rather billeted at the House of John Chandler, near to Elizabethtown, and during this tour he was appointed and Served as Sergreant of said company.

In November 1776, when the Jerseys was likely to be overrun by the enemy, my husband the said Simeon Simpson ^enlisted^ in Morris ^Essex^ county for three months with Lieutenant Seers of Captain Woods company under the command of Colonial Winds, and

served three months as orderly Sergeant of said company during that period, and when his term of three months had expired he returned home, being discharged.

In the month of June 1780 my husband the said Simeon Simpson was drafted and served a tour of one month as orderly Sergeant under Captain Wood and during this tour he was present and engaged in the battle of Connecticut farms.

In the month of January 1781, My husband the said Simeon Simpson was drafted and served a month as orderly Sergeant under Captain Wood and during this tour he was with the company stationed near Springfield and when his term expired he was discharged and he returned home. Besides the services which I have mentioned I know that my husband performed many other tours of service during the years 1777. 1778. 1779 I remember him being out at the time of the battle of Monmouth, he was a very ardent friend to the cause of American independence and he never missed going out upon all occasions, but I cannot now recollect or give any further detailed account of his Services. I remember that upon one occasion he was selected as the orderly Sergeant of Captain Woods company to perform a very hazardous enterprise for which purpess six or seven men were put under his command and the object was to way lay a particular road or place near the encampment of the enemy near ^on^ the Jersey frontier then in possession of the British, he succeeded in the enterprise without losing any of his men obtaining the desired information, killing moreover two of the enemy and bring a way one of their horses. The enemy were so exasperated at their daring attempt almost in the very camp that they offered a reward for my husband and themen under him. She further declared that she was married to the said Simeon Simpson on the 6th day of June in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy three, and that her husband the aforesaid Simeon Simpson died on the Sixth day of April Eighteen hundred and thirty and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

My husband the said Simeon Simpson was born in Essex county New Jersey on the 14th day of August 1742 and was living in said county in 1776 when he entered the service of the United States, he moved in 1786 to Washington County Penn^a where he resided until his death. He did not I am certain receive any discharge in writing nor was his name on the Pension roll of any agency of any state. She further declares that She has no documentary evidence to support her claim but what is hereto attached.

Sworn to and subscribed this 8th day [signed] Sarah ^{her} x Simpson
Of November 1836 before me _{mark}

[signed] Th H Baird

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Mr Samuel Rutan residing in the county of Washington, Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Sarah Simpson, who we know is the widow of Simeon Simpson late of Morris township deceased and who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration. With her husband the said Simeon Simpson we were also well acquainted and we have no doubt in our minds but he did perform the military service for which his widow now claims a pension and that such is the general belief in the neighbourhood where he resided. That the said Simeon Simpson and his present widow Sarah was legally married and at the period she states, we know to be true, and that the said Simeon Simpson died on the 6th day of April Eighteen hundred & thirty and that the said widow has remained unmarried and a widow ever since that period. I had personal knowledge of part of his services

Sworn and subscribed this
10 day of November 1836
before me

[signed] Samuel Rutan

[signed] Wm Lindly

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I do hereby certify that from bodily infirmity the applicant cannot attend the Court. I do hereby declare my opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatives prescribed by the War Department, that the foregoing named applicant Sarah Simpson widow of Simeon Simpson who was a revolutionary soldier and served as she states has fully and completely proved her declaration. And I do further certify that ^from evidence re[??]ed^ that Samuel Rutan who has signed the preceding certificate is a resident in Morris township Washington County, Penn^a, & a respectable and credible person whose statement is entitled to credit. Given under my hand this 11th day of November 1836

State of Pennsylvania
Washington County

[signed] Th H Baird

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Before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said county personally appeared Stephen Simpson a resident of Morris Township in Green County, Penn^a, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, depose and say. That I know that my brother Simeon Simpson who is mentioned in the foregoing declaration was a Soldier in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary war, and that he did perform to my knowledge the different tours of Military Service, in all eight months Service Six months of which as Sergeant, as detailed in the foregoing declaration and I do believe moreover that he did serve many other tours of military duty, besides those mentioned, during the Revolutionary war, but having no personal knowledge myself of any of his Services but what his widow have stated which I do know, I am unable to give a detailed account of any other, indeed during part of the year 1777 and 1778 I was absent from New Jersey in Virginia and therefore I could not be acquainted with any service which he performed during that period. I know that my brother the said Simeon Simpson was legally married to his present widow Sarah Simpson, who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration, in the month of June in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy three, and that her husband the said Simeon Simpson died on the Six day of April Eighteen hundred and thirty, and that his widow the said Sarah has remained a widow ever since that period.

Sworn and subscribed this 10th day of
November 1836 before me

[signed] Stephen Simpson

[signed] Wm Lindly

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I do hereby certify That Stephen Simpson, who has sworn to and subscribed the above deposition is a resident of Morris township in Green County, Penn^a, that he is a man

of veracity whose statement is entitled to credit and that he is a United States Pensioner.
Given under my hand & seal this 10th day of November 1836

[signed] Wm Lindly [seal]



Washington County SS . . . The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

I George Wier Acheson Prothonotary of the court of common Pleas for said county – do hereby certify – That Thomas H Baird Esq. before whom a part of the foregoing proceedings were had, was at the time, President judge of the fourteenth judicial district of Penn^a composed of the counties of Washington, Fayette & Greene, duly Commissioned ~ and also that William Lindly Esq. before ^whom^ the other part of said proceedings were had was at the time a justice of the peace ^for said County^ duly commissioned and that full faith and credit are and ought to be given to all their official acts. ~ and that the signatures purporting to be theirs I believe are genuine. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court at Washington the 11th day of Nov A Domini 1836.

Cert 25 cts paid

[signed] Geo Wier Acheson Pro.



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State of Pennsylvania
Washington County ss

Before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said county personally appeared Sarah Simpson widow of Simeon Simpson deceased, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, depose and make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress passed the 4th July 1836. That she has no documentary proof, nor can she provide any of her marriage with her late husband Simeon Simpson, to my knowledge there was no Parish register or record made of it. The only record that I know of was made in my fathers Family bible manely stating our marriage on the 6th day of June 1775 and not 1773 as mentioned in my former declaration. The date of my marriage I had in my original declaration given from memory, when I came ^to^ search for and examine the copy of the record from my fathers bibles, now in my possession made by my late husband and in his handwriting, I found it to read Simeon ^Simpson^ and Sarah Rutan was married June the ^Sixth^ 6th in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.” The original is hereto attached or rather the copy above mentioned.

Sworn and subscribed before me this

25th day of November 1836

[signed] Wm Lindly

[signed] Sarah ^{her}
x Simpson
mark



I Samuel Rutan do hereby certify that my knowledge of most of the Services of Simeon Simpson late of Morris township Washington county, Penn^a, deceased whose widow now claims a pension from the United States and has sworn to and subscribed the above statement, was derived from common report in New Jersey during the Revolutionary war the evidence therefore of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution I received from those who had Served with him in the army. I was also well acquainted with him for many years prior to and during the Revolutionary war and until his death in April 1830. In the month of June 1780 I served with him when he served a month as Sergeant under Captain Wood and I do know from the evidence which I have received from many soldiers of the Revolution who Served with him that the said Simeon Simpson did at least serve Six months as Sergeant and two months as a private in the militia of New Jersey, as detailed by his widow in her original declaration. In relation to his marriage with his present widow who now claims a pension I had a personal knowledge of the fact. They were married on the Sixth day of June 1775 I was myself present at the said marriage I have examined the copy of the record mentioned above by Sarah Simpson and I know it to be in the hand ^writing^ of the said Simeon Simpson, the marriage therefore must have been in 1775 and not 1773. I know this copy of the record of their marriage was made by the [??] Simeon from my fathers family bible very soon after his marriage. Sworn & subscribed before me this 25th November 1836.

[signed] Wm Lindly

[signed] Samuel Rutan



I do certify that Samuel Rutan who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing certificate is a resident of Morris township Washington county, Penn^a, I know him to be a man of truth and veracity whose statement is entitled to credit. he is moreover a Soldier of the Revolution and is ^a^ pensioner of the United States. I do further certify that I am well acquainted with Sarah Simpson, widow of Simeon Simpson deceased, who has sworn to and subscribed the within statement and it is the general belief in the neighbourhood where she resides that her husband the said Simeon Simpson did perform the military Services for which she now claims a pension and that they were legally married at the period she states June 1775 in all of which I fully concur. Given under my hand this 25th day of November 1836.

[signed] Wm Lindly



I Stephen Simpson do hereby certify. That in June 1776 Simeon Simpson late of Morris township washington County deceased did to my knowledge Serve during the Month of June 1776 a tour of one Month under Captain Gutherite of Col Thomas regiment of Militia of Essex County New Jersey. August 1776 he served another tour of one month under

Captain Crain. In October 1776 he served a tour of one month as Sergeant under Captain Wood. November 1776 he enlisted for and served three Months under Captain Wood of Col Winds regiment of which Company and during which Service he was orderly Sergeant of said Company. In June 1780 he served as orderly Sergeant a tour of one month under Captain Wood and in January 1781 he served a tour of one month as orderly Sergeant under Captain Wood. I was acquainted with these officers and I had personal knowledge that all the services which I have stated and which were detailed by the widow in her original declaration were performed by the said Simeon Simpson as a Soldier in the army of the Revolution. I had also a personal knowledge of the [??] entrusted to him stated by his widow, upon that occasion however he had ^[??] himself^ as Sergeant of Capt Woods company the Command of eight men ^to wit, John Briton[?], [??] Cory, Timothy Crain, Sam^l Potter, John Wilson, Moses [??]^ . I know that all of the above services were performed after the marriage of the said Simeon Simpson with his present widow which it appears took place on the 6th June 1775 and not in 1773 as before stated. The former Statements were all given from memory, the widow thinking it was in 1773. A record she found however ^which^ states that the marriage took place on the 6th June 1775. I was not present but I know it did take place agruably to the record which is in my brother Simeons ^Simpsons^ handwriting I was in the army at the [??] with my said brother and I know that he performed all of the tours Stated Sworn and Subscribed before me this 25 Nov. 1836.

[signed Wm Lindly]

[signed] Stephen Simpson

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I do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Stephen Simpson who has sworn to and subscribed the above certificate, he is a man of truth and veracity whoes statement is entitled to credit He is a resident of Morris township Green County Pennsylvania a Soldier of the Revolution and a Pensioner of the United States. Given under my hand this 25th day of November 1836.

[signed] Wm Lindly

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I certify that the intertanations in the foregoing depositions of Stephen Simpson between the 4th and 5th line from bottom of the preceeding page also between the 5th and 6th line of same page abo the word which between the first and 2nd line from top of this page were made previous to the deposing and signing of the same Given under my hand the 25th day of November 1836.

[signed] Wm Lindly

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Washington County SS

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

I George Weir Acheson Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for said County do hereby Certify that William Lindly Esq^r before whom the foregoing proceedings were had was at the time a justice of the Peace is and for said County duly Comissioned and that full faith and credit is and ought to be given to all his official acts. And that the signatures purporting to be his I believe are genuine.

In Testimony whereof I have unto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County of Washington the 26th day of November A. D. 1836

[signed] Geo Weir Acheson Pro

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Sir

Washington Penn^a, November 26th 1836

I enclose you an amended declaration of Sarah Simpson widow of Simeon Simpson dec^d together with additional testimony from Samuel Rutan and Stephen Simpson proving his Services and that she was married to the said Simeon Simpson on the 6th June 1775. It appears that she was mistaken about the date of her marriage, which she alleged in her original declaration took place in 1773 it was made from memory without examining the copy of the record in her possession. She also alleged that she was born in 1755, whereas the record states that it was in 1756.

The copy of the only record of her marriage which she knows of, or is known to the witnesses who are her relatives and was acquainted with the past, is herewith transmitted duly identified and authenticated. I was [??] when [??] [??] papers were expected.

I am very Respectfully

Your ob^t Ser^t

[signed] David Acheson