

JOHN SIMPSON  
Private, North Carolina

SERVICE		NUMBER
N. C.	Simpson, John Mary	W 28011
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Kentucky

John Simpson

of Laurel Co. in the State of Kentucky who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain King of the regt. commanded by Col. Alden in the N. C. Militia for 9 months from 1790

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky at the rate of 30 Dollars — Cents per annum, to commence on the 15th day of March, 1836.

Certificate of Pension issued the 7 day of June 1837 and sent to R. P. Lett Sher. Lancaster.

Amount to the 15th of March 1837 \$ 60 —  
Pension allowance ending to Sep. " 15

\$ 75 —

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by W. Allison Clerk,  
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7647.

Missouri

Mary Simpson,  
widow of John Simpson, 181869  
who was a private  
in the North-Carolina line

Filed 31 May 1841

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of 30 Dollars Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the 30 day of March, 1846 and sent to The Sup. of Am. L.  
J. L. & A. T. Smith  
Clerk

[Act of March 3, 1843.]  
1844

Recorded in Book: 2

[John Simpson married Mary 'Hareshaw' in Greene County, TN on June 11, 1790]

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State of Kentucky Laurel County: Sct.

On this 6th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Joseph Eve Judge of the Laurel Circuit Court, John Simpson a resident of said County aged seventy-one years, who being duly sworn doth upon his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he volunteered in the year 1780 as he believes in the Revolutionary War in what was called a ranging Company. Charles King was Captain John Hogan Colonel Abraham Allen Major Andrew Turner Ensign Joseph Young Lieutenant all of Orange County North Carolina where he also lived – their business was to range and scoured the country whenever occasion might require; that he was often called out and served from 3 to 5 weeks at a time one trip he went with the officers aforesaid to the Hawfields, another trip on Haw River after Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] and the Tories, this tour they had a severe engagement with Fanning and the Tories said to be 500 in number, we had about 350. Lieutenant Young was killed, Andrew Turner Ensign was mortally wounded & Major Allen was wounded but recovered.<sup>2</sup> Another Tour he went out with Colonel Bob Maban [sic, Robert Mebane] after some Tories on Haw River, and on our return home the Colonel was killed by a man by the name of Henry Hightower, supposed to be a Tory. He cannot recollect all the tours and trips he had after the Tories; he was held to service about four years during which time he was in actual service he can safely say not less than nine months. After this he volunteered under Captain Joseph Casey and joined Colonel Kennedy of Green County Tennessee. Rendezvoused at Knoxville Tennessee & marched to the Indian Nation and to the lookout Mountain and there we had an engagement with the Indians & had to retreat. Captains Harden, Gibson & Butler were killed & seven more of the man wounded. We then returned home having served two months. He next was drafted to go to West [?] Point Tennessee (since called Kingston) for three months for the purpose of raising blockhouses, this tour was under Captain Ewen Ellison; that he remained in actual service this tour three months. He was again drafted immediately to go to the Warm Springs under Lieutenant Gregg and marched to the Warm Springs & remained there as a guard three months and was discharged. He

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<sup>1</sup> The cover sheet for this veteran has the following note: "Debrah or Deborah Simpson also applied for pension as widow of the above soldier and was rejected R9594. See papers within."

<sup>2</sup> Kirk's Farm, September 12, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_kirks\\_farm.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_kirks_farm.html)

believes he was in actual service at least seventeen months. He has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service.

In answer to Interrogatories propounded by the Court, he says he was born in the year 1762 in the County of Fermanagh near the Town of Anyskillen [sic, Enniskillen] in Ireland and landed in America about the time the tea fuss began: he landed at the mouth of Christeen Rivec[sic, Christina River ?] near to Newcastle [New Castle County, Delaware?] moved from there to Hanover County Pennsylvania where he lived until just before the war commenced. He then moved to Orange North Carolina where he lived during the war & till peace was made after that he moved to Greene County Tennessee from there to Barren County Kentucky then to Clay (now Laurel) County Kentucky, where he now lives. He has no record of his age. He volunteered every tour except twice he was drafted he received three written discharges but they are all lost. He says he is known to Thomas Robertson, a clergyman, James Moore & James B Carpenter Junior who can testify to his character.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & states that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State whatever. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Simpson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Simpson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Simpson".

[Thomas Robertson, a clergyman, James P Carpenter Esquire and James Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On June 11 1845 in Cole County Missouri, Mary Simpson, 72 filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Simpson; that she married him by license in Tennessee in Made 1788; that her husband died in 1841 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 16: wedding license dated June 11, 1790 issued to John Simpson for the marriage to Mary Haresha.]

[fn p. 18: On February 25, 18 53 in Laurel County Kentucky, Dabrah Simpson, 80 filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Simpson; that she married him in Barren County State of Kentucky September 1810; that her name prior to her marriage was Phelps; that her husband died in Laurel County Kentucky May 21, 1841.]

[facts in file: evidently the veteran's first wife, Mary, left him in 1810 and moved to Missouri; he then married Dabrah or Deborah Phillips; his 2nd wife's application for a pension was denied when she failed to provide proof that the veteran had divorced his first wife; Hugh H Simpson, son of John and Mary Simpson, was living in Cole County Missouri in 1845.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]



April 15, 1932

BA-J/MCS

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John Simpson  
W. 28011

Mrs. Susie K. Passmore  
717 E. Granite Street  
Butte  
Montana

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your request for information in regard to John Simpson, a soldier of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W. 28011, based upon the Revolutionary War service of John Simpson.

He was born in 1762 in County of Fermanagh, Ireland, near the town of Enniskillen and landed in America "about the time the tea fuss began". He landed at the mouth of the "Christeen River near Newcastle" (perhaps meant for Christiansa Creek near Newcastle, Delaware). He moved from there to Hanover County, Pennsylvania, where he lived until just before the Revolution commenced. He then moved to Orange County, North Carolina, and lived there during the Revolution.

He enlisted in 1780 and served at various times, amounting to at least seventeen months in all, as private with the North Carolina troops under Captains Charles King, Joseph Casey and Eben Ellison and Colonels John Hogan, Bob Maben and Kennedy. During a part of his service he was a guard under Lieutenant Gregg. He was in an engagement with the Indians on Lookout Mountain and one with the Tories under Fanning on the Haw River.

After the declaration of peace he moved to Greene County, Tennessee, from there he moved to Barren County Kentucky. He then moved to Clay County which was later Laurel County, Kentucky.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 6, 1833, while living in Laurel County, Kentucky.

He died May 31, 1841, in Laurel County, Kentucky.

The soldier married, in Tennessee, Mary Harsha. The marriage bond filed in the office of the clerk of the county court of Greene County, Tennessee, was dated June 11, 1790. Said Mary left him about 1810 and moved to Missouri.



As the widow of this soldier she was allowed pension on her application executed June 11, 1845, at which time she was seventy-two years of age and a resident of Cole County, Missouri. She was living there in 1848.

On February 25, 1853, one Dabrah or Deborah Simpson of Laurel County, Kentucky, aged eighty years, applied for pension as the widow of John Simpson and stated that she married him in September, 1810, in Barren County, Kentucky, and that her maiden name was Phillips.

Said Dabrah or Deborah was requested to furnish proof that the soldier was divorced from Mary Simpson prior to marriage in 1810. She did not furnish this proof and her claim for pension was not allowed.

Rugh R. Simpson, son of John and Mary Simpson, was living in Cole County, Missouri, in 1848.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER  
Assistant to Administrator



Cornetts Chapel Cemetery  
Moore's Creek, Jackson County, Kentucky



## BIOGAPHY FROM FIND-A-GRAVE

# John Simpson, Sr

<b>BIRTH</b>	1762 Ireland
<b>DEATH</b>	21 May 1841 (aged 78–79) Jackson County, Kentucky, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	Cornetts Chapel Cemetery Moores Creek, Jackson County, Kentucky, USA
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	54655228 ·

John Simpson Sr -b-1762 Enniskellen, Fermanagh Co, Ireland -d- 5-21-1841 Jackson Co, Ky. He landed in America "about the time the tea fuss began" (Boston Tea Party being 12-16-1773 making him 11 years old), landing at the mouth of the Christiana Creek near Newcastle, Delaware. He moved from there to Hanover Co, Pa, where he lived until just before the Revolution War began (it started in 1775 lasting until 1783). At this time, he moved to Orange Co, N C. He enlisted in 1780 & served at various times, amounting to at least 17 months in all. He was a Pvt with the North Carolina Troops under Capt Charles King, Joseph Casey, & Ewen Ellison & Colonels John Hogan, Bob Maben, & Kennedy. During a part of his services, he was a guard under Lt Gregg. He was in an engagement with the Indians on Lookout Mountain & one with the Torries under Fanning on the Haw River, N C. After the declaration of peace, he moved (abt 1783) to Green Co, Tenn & from there to Barren Co, Ky & then, to Clay Co, which later, part of it became Laurel Co (then Jackson). He -m-6-11-1790 in Green Co, Tn (1st) Mary ("Polly") Haresha (on wedding records) Harshaw, on cem records -b-1773 Green Co, Tn -d-12-18-1849 Russellville, Montineau Co, Mo & buried there, Enloe Cem. They had nine children,

according to a letter written by Mary Simpson Gabbard, a great-grand-daughter of John. Most were born in Tn, some Ky, probably Barren Co. Mary Gabbard also wrote that John left her, Mary Harshaw, with nine children because "she poisoned his best horse". He was living in Barren Co, Ky when he, apparently never divorcing Mary, -m-8-28-1810 (2nd) Deborah "Debby" Phillips -b-1787 Ky -d-1853, because Mary Gabbard mentions that he & Debby came to Jackson Co & bought 200 acres east of East Bernstadt. John Sr served in the Revolutionary War (as stated) & he & Debby, are supposedly buried in the Simpson Cemetery, Jackson Co, in un-marked graves (he is for sure but Debby could be buried down the road in another Simpson Cem, according to Mary Gabbard along with her son Bailey & other family members). A Revolution War Soldier headstone is placed in the Cornett's Chapel Cem, Jackson Co, in his honor, although he isn't actually there. A shovel of dirt from the un-marked grave from the Simpson Cem was brought & placed at Cornett's Chapel, as it was much more maintained & history would not be lost. Mary Gabbard had also stated that the family Bible was lost when John & Debby's first house burned down.

\*\*\*\*From the many letters I found: John began drawing his Revolutionary War pension in March 1831, at \$30.00 "per annum", payable in two payments yearly. He received this until his death in 1841. In June, 1845, Mary "Polly" (living in Mo & finding out about his death) applied & received the \$30.00. In June, 1853, wife, Deborah, applied for the same pension. After much correspondence with Washington DC, along with affidavits from Polly & Debby, it was determined that John had never divorced Polly & Debby's pension request was denied. Polly continued to receive his pension until her death.

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; John Simpson, a Revolutionary War Veteran, served at least seventeen (17) months with the North Carolina troops as a Patriotic soldier in the fight against the tyrannical King George of England; and

WHEREAS; John Simpson lived in Laurel County, Kentucky, on the waters of Moores Creek, now, since 1858, Jackson County, Kentucky, and died, May 21, 1841 and was interred on a farm now owned by Ollie and Jake Lakes. The burial site is situated on the south side of Kentucky Highway 577, approximately 2/10 of a mile from the junction with Kentucky Highway 30; and

WHEREAS; The place of John Simpson's interment, a small burial site of no more than a dozen graves, has long been neglected and the exact location of his grave and most of the other graves has been obliterated and lost due to an error in nearby road construction; and

WHEREAS; Mary Simpson Gabbard, the oldest living near relative of John Simpson desires that a proper memorial stone, in a more suitable place, be erected to commemorate her great, grandfather and his service to our country, and

WHEREAS, the Cornett's Chapel Cemetery, is a well kept and endowed cemetery of which Mary Simpson Gabbard is a supporter, and is located approximately 1 1/2 miles north east or 3.0 miles via Hwy 577 and the Cornett's Chapel road, and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Hillard, President of the Cornett's Chapel Cemetery Association has granted permission for a memorial stone for John Simpson to be placed in the cemetery, and affirms the same by affixing his signature.

Signed Charles L. Hillard Date July 11, 1998

THEREFOR, I, William O. Smith, Judge Executive of Jackson County, Kentucky, proclaim that Mary Simpson Gabbard, is hereby granted permission to remove a token shovelful of earth from the abandoned and neglected burial site of her great, grandfather, John Simpson and inter it in an appropriate place in the Cornett's Chapel Cemetery, and erect thereon a memorial to John Simpson's memory and as an acknowledgment of the service he rendered to secure for all of us, "Certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" and that this action be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Jackson County Fiscal Court as a matter of public record.

Signed William O. Smith Date July 14, 1998  
Judge Executive, Jackson County, Kentucky

Signed Leon Bingham Date July 14, 1998  
Magistrate, Jackson County Fiscal Court

Signed Chad Vaughn Date July 14, 1998  
Magistrate, Jackson County Fiscal Court

Signed Vester Rose Date July 14, 1998  
Magistrate, Jackson County Fiscal Court