Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Simon (Samuel) Perry W3860 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

DISTRICT OF Virginia, SS.

On this twelfth day of April 1819, before the Judges of the court of Caroline county for the said district, personally appeared Simon Perry aged about sixty three years, resident now in said county in the said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said Simon Perry enlisted for during the War on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1778 in [blank] in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain N. Ewing of the Regiment commanded by Colonel John H. Stone in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States, until the year 1780 or 1781 when he was discharged from service in South Carolina state at Eutaw Springs that he was in the battles of Gates' Defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] & Guilford courthouse [15 Mar 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Simon hisXmark Perry

NOTE: A letter with Perry's application includes the following: "The old man is illiterate & is not certain which is the right name – but is more commonly call'd Sam." On 13 Dec 1838 Elizabeth Perry, aged 69 on the following 25 Dec, applied for a pension stating that she married "Simon Perry (sometimes written Samuel Perry)" on 12 Feb 1791, and he died 15 Sep 1829. The file includes a copy of the record in King George County VA of the marriage on 12 Feb 1791 of Simon Perry and Elizabeth Fountain.