

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Larkin Semour (Seymore) R9405

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State of Tennessee County of Grainger

On this eighteenth day of March 1843 personally appeared before me William P Jones a Magistrate in and for said County and State aforesaid Larkin Semour a citizen of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty-four years old 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 is about the first of December 1780 he was mustered into service under Captain William McDaniel in company of two other companies Captain John Thompson the other Captain's name not recollected by draft under Major Nathaniel Cocke under General Lawson at Boyd's Ferry on Dan River and there joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] when Corn Wallace [Cornwallis], was pursuing him in Virginia then when Wallace retired back to Guilford Courthouse we followed him and after several little skirmishes we fought the battle of Guilford on the 15th of March 1781 and the two armies separated and our company was discharged the 20th of March; That he was drafted and detailed for service under Captain Fleming Baites [Fleming Bates]; John Brown, Lieutenant and three other Companies under the following named officers Captain Falkner Captain Wiley and Captain Michael Roberts forming a Battalion under Major Allen and mustered into service I think to best of my recollection about the first of August 1781 at one Vaughn's Tavern about eight miles below Halifax old Courthouse in what is now Halifax County and State of Virginia and was marched immediately home through Charlotte County Prince Edward County by way of Petersburg and City Point to join General Washington at the taking of Cornwallis at York Town which took place on the 1st of October of 1781 and continued through the siege until the surrender of Cornwallis which took place the 19th of October 1781 we remained a few days after and marched from there after the fall of Cornwallis up to Petersburg and received my discharge from my Captain who was Captain Fleming Baites by the order of Major Allen who had command of the Battalion I do not now recollect the Regiment we were attached to at this time but was under a Colonel Rogers from Halifax County Virginia we mustered into service when as both of my discharges was lost some few years ago by moving got mislaid so that I cannot since find them they were deposited in a chest with some of the papers where children and other persons had access to and got lost or destroyed in that way. The two tours of service amounted to six months & 28 days. He states that he knows not of any living witness at this time that was in service with him; there may be some but as yet do not know where to find them As all of his acquaintances of those that served with him as far as he has heard is dead and moved to parts unknown to him, but he hopes from the narrative here given connected with other facts that are known respecting his services his

case will receive a favorable consideration it well paid but little he shall receive at best and shall not need that little long but the small amounts to be made would in some degree Comfort him in the afflictions of his extreme old age & helpless situation by supplying him with some of the Comforts of life as he is now in great need he would state that he was born in Halifax County Virginia and lived there until he was forty-seven years old and then removed to Grainger County in East Tennessee where he has resided ever since within a few miles of where he now resides which has been thirty-seven years he would state that he has no documentary evidence in his possession he would state that amongst the officers whose names & services as he personally knew some was Colonel Washington, Generals Green, Morgan, Lafayette and many others of Militia and Volunteers General Lawson, Sumner of North Carolina, Major Cocke and others with whom he served as a reason why he did not apply sooner was he has lost his discharges and could find no witness and thought it could not be obtained without them until a few days past. 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 United States nor on the roll of the agency of any State whatever.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jm P. Jones, JP

S/ Larkin Semour, X his mark

[William Hickle, a clergyman, and George Brock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I certify that the following interrogatories was put to Larkin Semour and the answers as here recorded as given by the applicant

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in 1759

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. Halifax County Virginia and lived there until I was 47 years old and since in Grainger County East Tennessee.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

General Washington, to Marquis Lafayette, Degrasse, General Lawson, General Green, Major Cocke, Major Allen, Colonel Rogers and others

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received it from my Captain Fleming Baites by the order of Major Allen for the 3 months tour of duty

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I could say Alexander Hamilton, John Cox, Coleman Cox, Parson Hickle, William Sharpe Esquire and many others

S/ Wm P. Jones, JP

[f p. 11: Rebecca Clay, 77, gave a supporting affidavit in Grainger County Tennessee on August 6, 1843 in which she states that she was born and raised in Halifax County Virginia and lived near Larkin Semour and knew of his service.]

State of Tennessee Grainger County

Be it known that on this 27th day of August 1844 personally appeared before me A. Coffee a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Joseph Ellis¹ a citizen of the said County and a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services being duly sworn on the holy evangelist the truth to speak the whole truth and nothing but the truth touching on the matters of Larkin Semour a citizen of said County for a pension in consequence of his the said Lemour's services during the war of the Revolution Deposeth and saith as follows I was born and raised in Spartanburg District in the State of South Carolina: I was drafted under Captain Taylor to go to the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and from there was marched under General Morgan on towards Virginia and was detailed to take the prisoners on into Virginia delivered the prisoners up to other troops to take them on to Winchester for safekeeping and then we was ordered to join General Green whose head quarters was in Halifax County in Virginia near Boyd's Ferry and there I became acquainted with Captain McDaniel and Major Cocke's Battalion and General Lawson's Brigade; and Larkin Semour who was one of Captain McDaniel's men from that we was marched on to Guilford Courthouse where the battle was fought between General Green and Morgan on the American side against Cornwallis on the side of the British both parties separated at the battle and both claimed the victory Cornwallis took up the line of March down towards Halifax and some of the militia was detached to watch his movements General Greene went on into South Carolina I know that Larkin Semour was in the service and served until sometime late in March or part of April before Major Cocke's Battalion was discharged and I know he served his time out of a tour of 3 months and some days over 4 they was mustered into service in Halifax early in December as I understood and was not discharged until sometime in March after the battle of Guilford [indecipherable word or words] I know

Question 1st: Mr. Ellis please state if you know that the Larkin Semour the present applicant for a pension is identically the same Larkin Semour that served in the company referred to before under General Green and Morgan. Answer. He is the Identical man referred to in the forepart of my deposition for we messed [?] together at Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina and further this deponent sayeth not. Sworn to and subscribed to before me, this day and date above written

S/ A. Coffee, JP

S/ Joseph Ellis, X his mark

[f p. 22: James Seymore of Claiborne County Tennessee, one of the children and legal representatives of Larkin Seymore, a revolutionary Soldier, signed 8 power of attorney dated August 18, 1852. He signed with his mark.]

¹ [Joseph Ellis R3311](#)