

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isam (Isham) Sellers S14428

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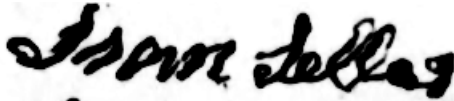
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State of Kentucky Henderson County: On this 27th day of 8th month 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable, the County Court of Henderson County, Kentucky aforesaid, now sitting Isham Sellers a resident in Henderson County, State of Kentucky, aged about 78 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 – He engaged for 6 months as a minute man in the year 1776 or 7 (not distinctly remembered) under Captain Richard Clinton – under Colonel Alexander Linnington [sic, John Alexander Lillington] & marched to Wilmington North Carolina thence to Moore's Creek – back to Wilmington & thence to Lockitt's folly bridge [Lockhart's Folly?], near edge of South Carolina – fought with the Tories at Moore's Creek – served out the 6 months was discharged by Colonel Linnington & went home – stated home about (say) one month: then was drafted again, & served under Captain Holmes, a regular officer – went to Jumping Run below Wilmington – served 3 months, & ordered home by Colonel James Kinnion [sic, James Kenan] – was at home 3 or 4 years: He then became a substitute for Job Rodgers (officers name not remembered) & served 3 months; marched to Pedee South Carolina, returned home again; he then volunteered under Captain William Vann, a militia officer, his own brother-in-law – marched (he thinks) from North Carolina to South Carolina & joined General Greene at Guilford – fought in that battle against Lord Cornwallis, & marched again to the North East Bridge about 10 miles above Wilmington & fought under Linnington against the British General Craig [sic, Major James Craig]. This service 8 months – or over – embracing marches from Northeast Bridge to Oglethorpe Mill – thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on News River [sic, Neuse River] & there discharged – He was a volunteer again & out 5 months being occasionally at home 4 or 5 days – was wounded on South River North Carolina by a Tory in the left arm the mark of which he still carries. He forgot to mention that at the North East bridge he was moved into the artillery under Colonel Allen & Captain Thoroughgood [indecipherable word or words]. He has no documentary evidence & knows no person that is convenient whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He recollects he also volunteered & stood guard for 3 months about 6 miles above Bletcher's Lick in Tennessee.

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 – Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Isam Sellers



[Jacob Newman and Thomas McMullan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put to Isam Sellers – an applicant for pension etc. – by the Honorable, the County Court of Henderson County Kentucky

No. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

In Duplin County NC in 1754 or 5

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

Record was lost

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

Called into service in Duplin NC lived some 2 or 3 years in Sampson County NC – [indecipherable word] of the time besides a short time (say 4 months in Tennessee. I have lived in Henderson Kentucky

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

Ansr. Was drafted – volunteered, & was a substitute for Job Rodgers

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.

Ansr. Captain Holmes, Colonel Allen, & Captain Thoroughgood – was well acquainted with Captain Thomas Joseph Rhodes of North Carolina continentals & Ensign Curtis Ivy – – other circumstances see beyond X X

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

Ansr. Don't recollect written – but (he thinks) received verbal discharges

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.

Ansr. John Green, & George W King, 2 Magistrates of our County Mr. Reuben Denton, & many others

X X One circumstance for lack of room I omitted before viz., that in the year, in which Cornwallis surrendered I volunteered, & went to Rockfish Bridge in North Carolina, & entrenched against Colonel Craig & served about 2 weeks under Captain Shadrach Stallion, chief command being in General Kinnion [James Kenan]. Sworn to and subscribed as a supplement to the other declaration beyond the day, & year above written.

Witness S/ J. Boyle

S/ Isam Sellers, X his mark ¹

Additional Evidence of Isam Sellers in consequence of a printed form which a few days ago accompanied the return of his first Evidence

State of Kentucky Henderson County: Sct: Personally appeared before me John Green Senior

¹ Why did he sign his name with a mark when he had signed his name to the actual application?

Magistrate of Henderson County Kentucky aforesaid, Isam Sellers of said County of Henderson who formerly of appeared before the Henderson County Court of August 1832 as an applicant for a pension under the late act of the 17th of June 1832, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he was ill able to swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served (agreeably to his former declaration before the Henderson County Court) not less than the periods mentioned therein, & in the grades therein stated viz.: eight months & two weeks in all I served as a volunteer, For three months I served as a drafted militia man; For three months, I served as a substitute for Job Rodgers; and for six months I served as a minute man; and for such service I claim a pension viz.: 20 months & 2 weeks. That he has given with all the precision his faculties impaired greatly by age, would admit of, the names of his officers – Except the officers names, when he was substituted for Job Rodgers – & again – when he stood guard at Bletcher's Lick in Tennessee, which he cannot recollect, that Mr. John Dorris – a Baptist preacher who knew him well, having moved away entirely out of his reach obliged him to substitute Captain Thomas McMullan, a magistrate of the County & Jacob Newman who formerly had been Sheriff of Henderson County, aforesaid.

Sworn before me this 30th day of January 1830 3

S/ Isam Sellers

S/ John Green

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$68.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year 8 months and 14 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]