

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Self S19461

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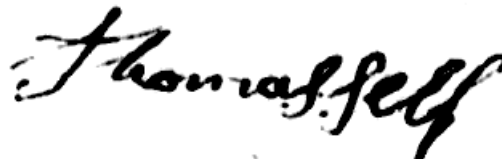
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State of Virginia Northumberland County Sct.

On this 16th day of April 1834 personally appeared Thomas Self before me Thomas H Harvey a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, the said Thomas Self being a resident of the County of Northumberland and State of Virginia aged seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement or declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War he was a private soldier in the Company of militia commanded by Captain John Smith of Northumberland County state of Virginia 37th Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Gaskins, that he was frequently called out on militia duty by the Colonel of the Regiment to guard the shores and the country adjacent to the water from the landing and depredations of the British, that in the year 1776, 1777, 1778, & 1779 he was engaged in militia duty at the following places viz.: he was stationed at Mrs. Kenner's on Coan River under the command of Captain John Smith two months, at Mrs. Keene's on Coan River under Captain Smith two months, at Captain Pembeton Claughton's [Pemberton Claughton] on Yeocomico River, under Captain Thomas Claughton two months and five days, at Monday's Point on Yeocomico River under Captain Thomas Claughton three months at Coan Warehouse under Captain Thomas Claughton one month, He was drafted for three months to go to York-town in Virginia the latter part of the summer of 1781 under Captain Thomas Keene – he was discharged five days after the expiration of his draft, in consequence of Lieutenant Cralee [John Cralle] (for whom he was overseer) having arrived on duty & procured his [word obliterated by an ink blot] discharge – the company to which he belonged was stationed on the Gloucester side of York River under the command of Major Baytop, having served 2 months and 25 days of the term for which he was drafted – all of his service was rendered as a private Soldier. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or an annuity, except the present, and that he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Self



[Robert Alexander & Darius G Cralle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put by Thomas H Harvey the justice

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Northumberland County Virginia in the year 1759

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

Answer. My age was recorded by Thomas Coleman clerk to Cherry Point Church. I cannot say where the register is now.

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

Answer. I was living in the County of Northumberland Virginia I have always lived there except one year in Richmond County Virginia, I now live in Northumberland County Virginia.

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 living in Northumberland County Virginia. I was generally called into service by the command of Colonel Thomas Gaskins. I was drafted once. I never was a substitute.

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.

Have answer. I knew Major Baytop of Gloucester Point, cannot say positively whether he was a regular officer or not I knew General Weedon [George Weedon] at the same place he commanded the troops at the point. I knew no Continental regiments I knew the militia Regiment of this County only.

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 never received a written discharge.

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 am well known to Robert Alexander who lives a few miles from me Darius G Cralle my door neighbor also to Colonel William Middleton & Robert Bailey Esquire – they can all testify to my character for veracity.

[William Barcroft, 70, and Moses Self, 72,¹ gave separate supporting affidavits saying they knew the veteran served in the Revolution but neither states they served with the veteran. Moses Self does not state his relationship, if any, to the veteran, but the veteran gave an affidavit in support of Moses' application and stated in that affidavit that he, the veteran, 'brought Moses home' after he fell sick while serving in the army during the Revolution.

William Barcroft
Moses Self

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia service.]

¹ [Moses Self W19009](#)