

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Self S31358

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County Ct.  
September Term 1832

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the peace in aforesaid County Court John Self a resident citizen of said County, aged 70 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 provision made by the Act of Congress June 4th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, & served as herein Stated.

That he was drafted for three months from Buckingham County Virginia, under Capt. Anthony Winston in January 1780 and marched to Cabbin point [Cabin Point] below Petersburg & there commanded by Major Jones, from there to the Carolinas and received his discharge at Coopers Mills [sic, Cooper's or Copper's Mills?]. He next entered as a substitute for David Patterson from Buckingham Virginia for three months under Capt. Perkins [perhaps Capt. William Perkins] in Summer of 1780, was in the battle at Hot Water Hill<sup>1</sup> near James River, was in the battle at James Town<sup>2</sup> & continued in that turn for three months & received his discharge. He next entered as a drafted man under Capt. Watkins in the Summer of 1781 from Buckingham County Virginia, & marched down James River, was in the battle [Jamestown, October 17, 1781] at the taking of Lord Cornwallace [Cornwallis] and shortly thereafter received his discharge at Winchester Virginia.

That he was acquainted with Generals Wayne [Anthony Wayne], Fayette [La Fayette?], Steuban & Lawson [Robert Lawson] & Major Boyes.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State - Sworn to and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

John Self, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> Spencer's Tavern, June 26, 1781 [Col. Richard Butler (PA line) and Simcoe [also known as the skirmish at Hot Water or Hot Water Plantation] <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/1781-skirmish/>

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps a reference to the skirmish at Green Spring or Jamestown Ford, July 6, 1781  
<https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810706-green-spring/>

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Philip Winfrey<sup>3</sup> of the County of Adair Kentucky aged 68 years Came into open court, and made Oath that the above named John Self served in the revolutionary war as stated by said Self in the first Tour, expressed in this declaration, that he was intimately acquainted with the said Self while in service -- that he served for 3 months in said first named Tour.

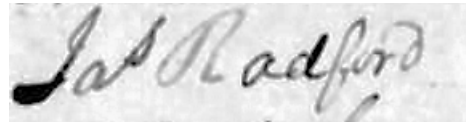
S/ P. Winfrey



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James Radford<sup>4</sup> of this County, aged 70 years came into open court, and made oath the above named John Self served in the revolutionary war, as stated by said Self, in the Second & third tours expressed in his declaration, that he was intimately acquainted with said Self while in service, that said Self served three months in each tour, and he served with said Self, and was with him at the surrender of Cornwallas [Cornwallis].

S/ Jas. Radford



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Kentucky Cumberland County to wit

This day John Self, the person named in the preceding declaration, came before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in aforesaid County and made oath to the following amended declaration - to wit - that from the [best of ] his knowledge, recollection & belief, he served in the revolutionary war in the years 1780 & 1781 as a militiaman from the County of Buckingham Virginia, three tours of three months each making in the whole the full term of nine months, he served as a private in each tour, and at the end of each tour received parol [sic, parole or verbal discharges] not written discharges, and for such service, he claims a pension - that he was born in the year 1762 in the County of Amelia State of Virginia, that he has no record of his age, but from the best information he has or can obtain, he believes he is of the age of 70 years & born at the time afore specified. That he lived in Buckingham County Virginia, when called into service, on each tour, that he continued to live there till the year 1789 when he moved to Madison County, Kentucky & from thence he moved to the Cumberland County, Kentucky in the year 1809, where he now lives & has lived ever since. That he is known by Elisha Embree, Rane Staton, Richard Clayton, Jno. [John] Gabbert & Peter Montfort, who live in his neighborhood, with whom he is well acquainted & who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution - Sworn to and submitted before me this 6th day of April 1833

Witness: S/ Francis H. Winfrey, J.P.C.C.

S/ John Self, X his mark

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

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<sup>3</sup> [Phillip Winfrey S31486](#)

<sup>4</sup> [James Radford W25605](#)