

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Selmon S38361

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Harrison County towit

On the 23^d day of June 1830 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the county of Harrison Joseph Selmon resident of the County of Harrison aforesaid aged Eighty years on the 19th day of May 1830 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the provission made by the act of Congress on the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Joseph Selmon enlisted for the term of three years some time in January 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company then commanded by Capt John Lee. [See endnote.] Shortly after his enlistment he was transferred to a company, and placed under the command of Capt Hofler, and attached to the regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said regiment some time longer than one year, and that thereafter he was transfered to Gen'l. A Wains army [sic: Anthony Wayne's 4th Pennsylvania Battalion], and attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Feebiker [sic: Christian Febiger] & continued in said Army and served until some day in December 1778 when he was discharged from the service at Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension Except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except the continental establishment to his knowledge & that the following are the reasons why his application is made at this period. Shortly after the passage of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 towit in July 1818 he made application to his friend Gen'l. John G. Jackson to assist and direct him how he should obtain the provissions of the act that from course unknown to him it was not obtained during his life time after his death he appeared to Mg'r. Thomas P. Moore to intercede for him who promised to take the proper steps to obtain him a pension he placed in his hand what papers he had relative to his claim which in his lifetime he said he had lost or mislaid, and since his death they cannot be found, having confided to these two Gentlemen and being illiterate and ignorant of the proper course to persue it has thus been delayed and neglected

And In persuance of an act of the first May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 that I have not since that time, by gift sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provissions of an 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, passed on the 18th of March 1818 that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

That all the property either real, personal, mixed or any other discription (clothing and bedding Excepted) is as follows towit, One negroe woman aged forty five years, one horse bridle and saddle, two cows, three yearling cattle five head of sheep two hogs Eighty four Bushels of corn, an account on Charles Settle of four dollars wages is all my propety in any wise owned by me

Joseph Selmon

That he has alive he believes, six sons and two daughters they have all left him and are married except one son who lives in the State of Ohio who was single when he last heard from him, he is a stone mason by trade but too old & infirm to support himself by labour, I do furthermore state that on the 18th of March 1818 I had no propety of any amount that I remember of more or as much in value as what property I now posses or at any time since have I had property of more value than the property contained in the schedule here subscribed

Joseph Selmon

NOTE: In early 1777 in the First Virginia Regiment Capt. John Lee commanded a company raised in James City County, and Capt. William Hoffler commanded a company raised in Norfolk County.