

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Larkin Self¹ S38363

f18VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

1/26/12: rev'd 4/20/21

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[p 10]

Commonwealth of Virginia fish [sic, Fifth] Circuit Powhatan Superior Court (to wit)

On this 18th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia and Judges of the fifth Judicial Circuit personally appeared Larkin Self aged 56: years resident in the County of Powhatan, in the said judicial District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the 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 the said Larkin Self; enlisted in Colonel __ White's [Col. Anthony W. White] Regiment of cavalry of Continental troops for the defense of the United States in the year a short time before the General Gates defeat at the battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780] in the company commanded by Captain Jas Gun [James Gunn] of the State of Virginia; that he continued in the Service of the United States until the end of the Revolutionary War; that he Larkin Self was discharged from service in the state of South Carolina by general orders at the end of the War; that he was in the battles of Savannah against the Indians, and Tories; and that he was also in the battle of James Town in the State of Virginia where he and Colonel __ White's Regiment of cavalry made a charge on the British troops; and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Randolph

[Judge]

State of Virginia Powhatan County, to wit;

On this 13th day of October 1821 personally appeared in open Court, in the Superior Court of law for the said County of Powhatan, being a Court of record, according to the Constitution and laws of the said state, Larkin Self, aged about sixty-two years, resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; he was a private in the Regiment of horse, commanded by Colonel White and was enlisted by Captain James Gunn of the Cavalry at Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina, and served during the Tour of three years in the said Regiment of Cavalry commanded by the said White, from the time of his enlistment until the end of the war; he made a Declaration in the circuit court of Powhatan on the 18th May 1818 and received a pension, the

¹ BLWt2435-100

Certificate of which is numbered 5900 and the said Larkin Self solemnly swears that he a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision 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 day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed; that he is by occupation a Tanner, but that he is entirely unable to support himself, and is in such indigent circumstances as to require aid from his country, that his family consist of the following persons, to wit; his wife about 54 or 5 years of age, two children one a girl about 14 years old, and the other a son about 10 years of age, 1 Negro girl about 10 or 12 years of age, and one Negro man about 36 or 7 years old; the said Negro man belongs to his wife during her life, and afterwards to her children by a former husband, and the Negro Girl is merely lent to her by a friend; The Schedule mentioned above is as follows, to wit: 36 ¼ acres of land left to his wife during her life, a Negro man about 36 years of age during the life of his wife, 2 horses and 2 cows, some household furniture of small value and a small stock of hogs nearly all young, and a debt due him by Daniel Tuqua [?] of about \$70.

Powhatan County October 13, 1821

S/ Larkin Self, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 13th day of October 1821 before the Superior Court of law for the County of Powhatan in Virginia

S/ Wm S. Dance [Clerk]

In Powhatan County Court – September 4th, 1848

Be it ordered to be Certified that satisfactory evidence has this day been exhibited in court that Larkin Self who was a Revolutionary Pensioner and a resident of this County died about the year 1822 or 1823 intestate leaving the following children, to wit, William Self, Edmund Self, John Self, Mary Self & Sally Self who is now Sally Farmer – and that John Self is now dead leaving one child George Self and that the said William Self, Edmund Self, Mary Self, Sally Farmer and George Self are the only heirs at law of the said Larkin Self deceased.

S/ Willis J Dance, D. C.

[p 14: In a document attested in Cumberland County Virginia on February 22, 1849, Sally Farmer filed a petition for the bounty land due her as an heir of Larkin Self.]

[p 16: Power of attorney dated February 22, 1849 signed by Sally Farmer and Mary Self authorizing their attorney to pursue their bounty land claim for the services of Larkin Self of whom they represent themselves to be heirs.

Tally Farmer
Mary Self

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 18, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Addendum to Larkin Self S38363

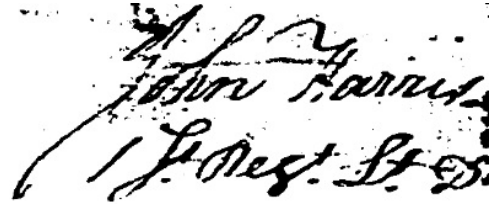
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 20 April 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do certify that Larkin Self enlisted (for the War) in the 1st Reg't Light Dragoons this first day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty. Given under my hand this 11th day of Feb'y 1784

John Harris [W1422] Lieut

1st Reg't Lt Dragoons

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Harris" followed by "1st Reg't Lt Dragoons". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.