

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christian Seybert S7475

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State of Virginia Wythe County to wit

On this eighth day of October 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Wythe County and State of Virginia, Christopher Seybert, a resident of Wythe County, in State of Virginia, aged eighty-eight 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 of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States but the precise year not recollected (about 1779), with Lieutenant Thomas Willson – Captain's name Isaac Taylor, does not remember the number of the Regiment – he enlisted at Fort Chiswell in Montgomery County Virginia, now Wythe County – his Colonel's name was John Montgomery – that he then resided in the said County of Montgomery, that the troops with which he marched proceeded first to the Long Island (as then called) of Holston [River], and from thence went by water to the Illinois, where George Rogers Clark was commander – he was in no battle or engagements enlisted for one-year but served a longer time. The Major's name was Joseph Bowman. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Christian Seybert, X his mark

State of Virginia Wythe County } to wit

We, Joseph Ramsey¹ and Robert English² each residing in the County of Wythe and State of Virginia do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Christian Seybert, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, and have been so acquainted with him since some time previous to his entering the service in the war of the revolution, as he has stated in his aforesaid declaration, they all having resided near each other since that time – that they have examined the foregoing declaration, and further certify that they each entered the same service in the same Regiment, with the same Christian Seybert, as above stated by him in his aforesaid declaration, and at the time that he entered the service as he has above stated, that the names of the officers, Regiment &c as mentioned in the above declaration are correctly stated – that they continued to serve with the said Seybert in the service as he has above stated for about ten months from the time of their enlisting together and that they then returned to the said County of

¹ [Joseph Ramsey S7348](#)

² [Robert L. English R3354](#)

Montgomery (now Wythe) leaving said Seybert in service – that according to the best of their recollection, said Seybert did not return home from said service for several months after they had returned; and that they believe he served more than 12 months – they further certify that there is no clergyman residing in the neighborhood of said Seybert, and that they believe that said Seybert cannot conveniently procure the affidavit of a clergyman who is acquainted with him.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court in the County Court of Wythe County on this 10th day of June in the year 1833.

Joseph. Ramsey
Robert English
Deeds

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to Christian Seybert S7475

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 7 May 2021.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The file includes copies of the above federal pension applications.]

Virginia. At a Court held for Wythe County at the Courthouse on Monday the 12th day of May 1834.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court by testimony of sundry witnesses sworn & examined that Christian Seybert is of unsound mind, the Court doth appoint John Clark Committee for said Seybert and confide the estate of said Seybert to the said John Clark for safe keeping and good management. And thereupon the said John Clark with Thomas J. Boyd his security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$200 conditioned as the law directs.

And on the same day.

It being suggested to the Court that Christian Seybert for whom John Clark has this day been appointed committee by this Court, in probably entitled to bounty land, for his services in the Revolutionary War, and that application will be made by said Clark as committee of said Seybert for a warrant for such land – the Court doth therefore certify that it appears on evidence before them, that said Seybert is the same individual who made a declaration in this Court on the 8th day of October 1832 for a pension under the act of Congress of Jun 7th 1832 and the same declaration amended on the 10th day of June 1833 by Joseph Ramsey and and Robert [sic] making their certificate to the same.

Petition for bounty land.

Christopher [sic] Seybert Sold'r Ill's Reg't.

The evidence fil'd in this case, is the declaration on oath of Christopher Seybert – that he enlisted sometime in 1779 in Captain Isaac Taylors Company, in Colo. Montgomerys Regt, for one year, and serv'd a longer period.

The aff't of Joseph Ramsey & Robert English (creditable witnesses) [illegible] say that they have examin'd the declaration of Christopher Seybert, and that the statements therein made are correct and that they believe the said Seybert servd more that 12 months &c &c

The name of Christopher Seybert has not been found on the Illinois payrolls or papers. To be entitled to bounty land, for a service in the Illinois Reg't, that service must have been for three years, under an enlistment for that term; or must have been the service of a volunteer under Gen'l Clark, who was present at the taking the British posts in Illinois. It does not appear that Seybert servd in either of these characters. It does not appear by any evidence of documents, that he was a Soldier in the Illinois Reg't: and his own statement on oath proves, that he serv'd only a little more than one year.

It is consider'd unnecessary to be more particular in noticing this case. I report the claim, as being very doubtful.

To Gov'r Tazewell

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r

June[?] 18th 1834

NOTE: A document in the file states that John Clark was son-in-law to Christian Seybert.