

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Seymore (Semore, Seamore, Seymour)¹ W17791 Frances

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[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. 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 fails 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 errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Tennessee, Carroll County]

October Court County Circuit Court

On this 18th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Court for Carroll County in the State of Tennessee Thomas Semore a resident of said County & State who was born in the State of Virginia Halifax County, the year he does not recollect having no record left of his age, who thinks he is about 68 years of age, who being first duly sworn agreeably 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 passed June the 7th 1832 that he volunteered and entered the service of the United States sometime in the spring of the year he thinks about 1781 in the State of Virginia under the command of General Green [presumably Nathanael Greene], the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Green, the company to which he belonged was commanded by Captain Edward King, who was a militia Captain of Halifax County Virginia, under whom he marched from said County to Salisbury in North Carolina, a Militia Regiment commanded, I think, by a man whose name was Rose from which place said Regiment marched to South Carolina to a place called Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May-June 1781 where he joined Green's Army at which place the British were fortified in, Green's Army besieged the Fort and continued the siege until the British received a reinforcement, the Army then marched to Mecklenburg County North Carolina & from thence back to South Carolina to the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] where we met the British and had an engagement with them Colonel Washington [William Washington] commanded the horse in that Battle, and was taken prisoner Colonel Morgan commanded the Riflemen. General Green was commander in chief the next morning after the Battle we found the British had left the field with their dead & wounded we pursued them for several days towards Charles town [Charleston South Carolina] but did not overtake them they fled to Charleston & I was informed that they went from there to Yorktown in the State of Virginia to which place we were marched & joined the Army of General Washington there, and I continued with the Army till the Surrender of Cornwallis & his Army [October 19, 1781]. I was present when the British marched out & stacked their arms I was sent from there with Prisoners to guard them to Nolens Ferry on the Potomac River. The Regiment I served in while guarding the Prisoners was commanded by a Colonel Richardson, (I think) and the company to which I was attached was commanded by Captain Fleming Bates I was discharged at a place I think called police Burke, by Captain Bates which discharge & a discharge given me by Captain King are annexed to the declaration, I have no documents except those two discharges to

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prove that I was in the service & having lived in the State of Virginia Halifax County where I was born until October 1828 when I moved to Carroll County State of Tennessee where I now live I know of no person in this County that can prove that I was in the service, I think I served about seven months. – I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & I do declare that to my knowledge my name is not on the pension Roll of the Army of any State.

Interrogatories

Q. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in Halifax County State of Virginia I am not certain in what year; but I think in 1762 or 1763

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

A. I have no record of my age –

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

A. I was living in Halifax in the State of Virginia when I volunteered my services, I continued to live in the same place until 1828 when I moved to the State of Tennessee – Carroll County where I now live.

Q. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. I volunteered & served in the Virginia Militia

Q. 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.

A. General Green, Colonel Green, Colonel Lee, Colonel Washington, Colonel Morgan are the names of some of the Officers where I served until we marched to Yorktown when we were under the command of General George Washington – I was 1st marched to Salisbury North Carolina next to Ninety Six in South Carolina where we besieged the British in the Fort for some time when they received a reinforcement we raised the siege & marched to Charlotte in North Carolina & from thence to Eutaw Springs in South Carolina where we had a Battle with the British in which Battle Colonel Washington was taken Prisoner – I was at the siege of Yorktown in Virginia and present when Cornwallis' Army marched out & surrendered we were drawn up into lines & they marched between us orders were not to speak to any of them nor to insult them.

Q. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I received a discharge from Captain King & one from Captain Bates which are attached to this declaration

Q. 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.

A. The Reverend Robert Hurt & James M Hurt I think I served about 7 months & I was to have a credit for one tour of duty more full guarding the prisoners from Yorktown to Nolens ferry.

S/ Thomas Semore, X his mark

[Robert Hurt, a clergyman, and James M Hurt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 72]

Leesburg Nov. 7th 1781

This is to Certify that Thomas Semore Has Faithfully Escorted the Prisoners taken at York up to

Nolins ferry for which he is to have credit for a Tour of Duty
S/ Flem Bates Capt

Leasburg Nov 7th 1781
This is to Certify that Thomas Semore
has faithfully executed the Prisoners taken at York
up to Nolins ferry for which he is to have credit for a
Tour of Duty
Flem Bates Capt

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Received 19 July 1781 of Thomas Semore of Virg. Militia one Musket & one Cartridge Box as
it appears his Tour of duty is out and is on his way Home

S/ James Harris [or James Hines or James Himis?]

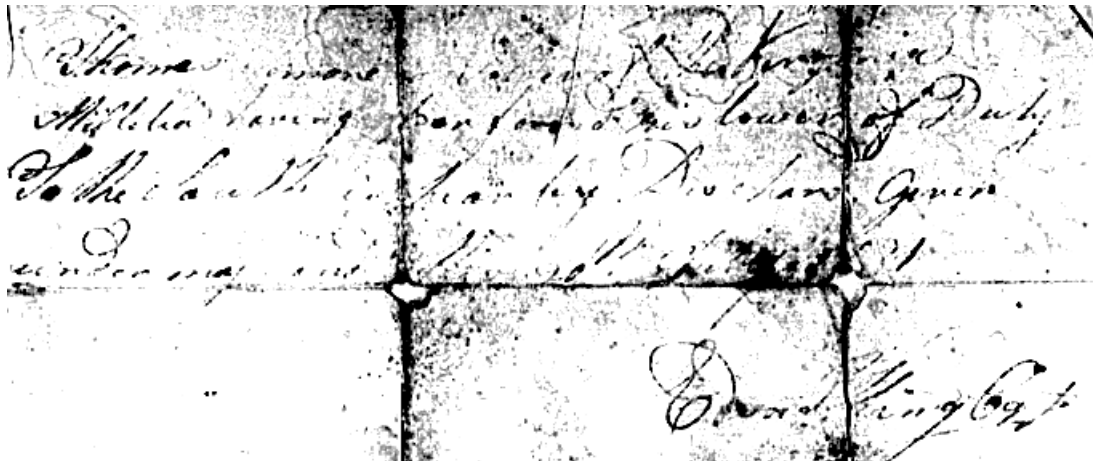
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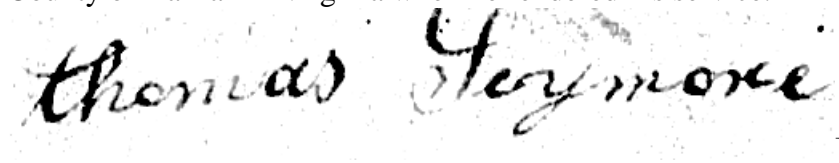
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Thomas Semore a Soldier of the Virginia Militia having performed his tower of Duty to the
South is hear by Dischar'd Given under my hand this 20th July [?] 1781

S/ Edwd King Capt.

A snippet of a handwritten document, likely a military record or pension application. The text is written in cursive and is partially obscured by a grid pattern. The visible text includes "Thomas Seymore" and "Edward King".

[f p. 92: On January 9, 1844 in Carroll County Tennessee, the veteran filed another application for a pension under the 1832 act in which he describes his services as follows: "That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1781 under Captain Edward King that one Green was Colonel of the Regiment and that General Green was the commanding officer, that he served 3 months & 20 days, that during that time he was at the battle of Eutaw Springs, that he was at Ninety Six – that he was engaged in various skirmishing parties during this same period of service – That he next went to Yorktown where Cornwallis was taken under Captain Fleming Bates, Rogers was the name of the Colonel and that after he got to Yorktown Richardson was commander as Colonel, – that he served at this period of service 3 months and some 24 or 5 days – and that after the surrender of Cornwallis he went with a part of the prisoners to Noel's ferry on foot, – that he volunteered both times of service...." – that he has been a pensioner but the last time he drew his pension was in the spring of 1839; that he gave his discharges to the Reverend Robert Hurt to attend to his pension and has not seen them since; that he was a citizen of the County of Halifax in Virginia when he rendered his service.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Thomas Seymour".

[f p. 14: On May 18, 1855 in Carroll County Tennessee, Frances Seymore, 74, filed for a widow's bounty land entitlement as the widow of Thomas Seymour, a private in the company of Captain Edmund King; that she married her husband March night, 1840²; that they were married by the Reverend Robert Hurt; that her name prior to her marriage was Frances Shaw; that her husband died at his residence in Carroll County Tennessee December 30, 1845. She signed her petition with her mark.]

[Facts in file: in 1866 all the children of the veteran and his widow are said to be dead except 2 maiden daughters, not named. Of true, this statement would lead to the conclusion that the date of marriage of the widow to her husband was 1806, not 1840.]

² Elsewhere in the documents in this file she gives the date of her marriage to the veteran as April 6, 1806. See the widow's affidavit on page 25 of the Fold3 file.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]