

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Self W6008

Oney

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State of Virginia County of Russell: SS

On this 14 day of June 1833 personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia in the County aforesaid, Thomas Self a resident of Russell County and State of Virginia, aged seventy-five 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 may by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated viz. under Captain Samuel Sherwin, Lieutenant Ward [perhaps John Ward] and Ensign Winfrey in the year he thinks of 1776 as a minute man for a tour or engagement of nine months and rendezvoused as well as he now remembers at Rocky River Church on the lower road [?] of Amelia County in the State of Virginia, in which County he then resided, and marched from thence to Petersburg in Virginia, where they made a short stay, and then marched to a place called Cobham upon James River, where they remained a short time, perhaps about two weeks, and from thence marched to old Williamsburg in Virginia where they remained a while, and from thence marched to Hampton, where they remained stationed about 3 months, after which they left Hampton, and went on board of a vessel to Portsmouth in Virginia where they remained about four months, and were then and there discharged, when he and the company to which he belonged, returned home to Amelia County, after having served out the full term of nine months for which he had entered the service aforesaid independent of the time occupied in returning home. That whilst at Portsmouth aforesaid, they were commanded as well as he now remembers by one Colonel Woodin.

That sometime in the next year as well as he can now remember, he the said Thomas Self was drafted in the said County of Amelia, for a short tour of forty days, under one Captain Edward Walker, Lieutenant Tabb, and rendezvoused at Amelia Court House, and marched from thence to Hampton Virginia, where he was stationed and remained there until the expiration of the said forty days when he was discharged and returned home. That he was in no engagement during the time of his service aforesaid. That sometimes afterwards, but how long he cannot now recollect, he the said Self substituted for one Mullins, for a Southern tour of three months, which he served under the officers last aforesaid, in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, in watching and guarding against the British and Tories who were then troublesome in both the States last aforesaid, and after serving out the time of three months he returned home to Amelia County in the State of Virginia. That he received regular discharges in writing from his commanding officer for the several tours of service aforesaid in the revolutionary war, but has since either lost or mislaid them, so that he cannot now produce them, and the said Thomas Self deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear

positively as to all the periods of service in the war of the revolution, but according to the best of his recollection not less than the periods mentioned herein viz. first tour under Captain Sherwin nine months, second tour under Captain Walker of forty days, and third tour as a substitute for Mullins upon the Southern expedition of three months, and for such service he now claims a pension.

That he afterwards removed to the County of Russell in which he now resides, and that he has not for many years visited that part of the Country in which his old comrades in the war resided, and that he does not know of any person now living who can testify to his services as stated herein except John Quinn of Pittsylvania County Virginia who if yet alive knew of most of the services of the said Thomas Self in that war.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Self, X his mark

[f p. 16: Matthew Seay gave a supporting affidavit in which he states his understanding of the services rendered by the applicant but he says that he personally never served with the applicant.]

[f p. 10: On October 7, 1846 in Russell County Virginia, Oney Self, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Self a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Amelia County Virginia about December 10, 1779; that her husband rendered service after their marriage; that her husband died in Russell County Virginia March 13, 1836; and that she remains his widow. The application bears a signature but it appears to me to be in the hand writing at of the balance of the document and consequently not the actual signature of the widow.]

[f p. 8: marriage bond issued to Thomas Self and Jacob Belcher of Amelia County on December 10, 1779 conditioned upon the marriage of Thomas Self to Oney Ham.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year & ? Months. His widow was pensioned for a like amount.]