

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Sellers W8292

Catharine

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State of Kentucky County of Kenton: Sct.

It is hereby certified that at a County Court held at Independence, Kentucky, in and for the County aforesaid, on the 13th day of January 1853, it was satisfactorily proved to said Court that Michael Sellers who was a resident of the County aforesaid, died on the 4th day of June A.D. 1836, leaving Catharine Sellers (whose declaration for a Pension is hereto annexed) his widow, and that the said Court do hereby certify that the said Michael Sellers at his death, left also seven children, only, (with the said widow him surviving), and whose names and places of residence are as follows, namely, Philip Sellers, Michael Sellers and Catharine Perry in Covington Kentucky, Sarah McDonald Augusta Kentucky, Polly Shane Bracken County Kentucky, Henry Sellers Bourbon County Kentucky, and George Sellers in Ripley Ohio – and that they are all above the age of twenty-one years.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 13th day of January 1853.

S/ N. B. Stephens, Clerk

State of Kentucky County of Kenton: Sct.

On this 13th day of January 1853 personally appeared before the County Court of Kenton County, Kentucky, held at Independence, Kentucky, in and for the County aforesaid – said Court being a Court of Record – Catharine Sellers, a resident of said County and State, aged 90 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress passed July 7th, 1838, March 3rd 1843, June 17, 1844, and also the benefits of the act of July 4, 1836, if she be entitled thereto.

That she is the widow of Michael Sellers, who was a soldier in Captain Croghan's [perhaps William Croghan] Company of the 8th Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line, under command of Colonel Peter Muhlenberg. That her knowledge of his services is derived chiefly from statements made to her at various times by her said husband himself. That she frequently heard him say that he belonged to said Company and Regiment – that he enlisted at the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, or early in the spring of 1776, into said Company and Regiment for two years – that having served out the time for which he enlisted, he again enlisted into the same Company and Regiment for the remainder of the War, to the end of which he served, or for the term of seven years. That her said husband was a native of Germany, and came to the United States when very young and settled with his parents in Lancaster County Pennsylvania – that at the breaking out of the Revolutionary War he was in Woodstock, in

Shenandoah County Virginia, at which place she thinks he enlisted into said Company and Regiment, though she cannot say positively, but thinks if he did not enlist there, he returned to Lancaster County Pennsylvania, and there immediately enlisted, though her impression is that he did enlist at Woodstock Virginia. That she has frequently heard her husband say that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Germantown [October 4, 1777], and that he was also a participant in what he termed the Southern Campaigns.

That she was married to her said husband in Bourbon County, Kentucky by the Reverend James Scott, a Minister of the Gospel, on or about the 20th day of December in the year of our Lord 1786. That her name previous to her said marriage was Catharine Dillman. That after their marriage they removed to Bracken County Kentucky and settled on what was called Little Bracken Creek. That she has had ten children, seven of whom are still living and whose names and places of residence are as follows, to wit; Philip Sellers, Michael Sellers and Catharine Perry in Covington Kentucky, Sarah McDonald, Augusta Kentucky, Polly Shane Bracken Kentucky, Henry Sellers, Bourbon County Kentucky and George Sellers in Ripley-Brown County, Ohio. That she and her said husband resided in the County of Bracken, until the death of her said husband, which took place on the 4th day of June 1836, when she removed to her present place of residence and has lived with her son Philip Sellers ever since the death of her said husband.

That some years before the death of her said husband, – she cannot state positively how long, – a certain William Blackaby came to her husband in Bracken County, and proposed to get for him a Pension, if her husband would pay him \$25, – That her said husband was poor and needy, in the course of a month or two he succeeded in raising the sum of \$15 which he gave to Blackaby. That Blackaby said he would attend to the matter, but kept putting him off from time to time until he got from her said husband at various times about \$50, but that her said husband never received a cent in the way of Pension money for his services, and never to her knowledge signed any papers – nor made any application for a Pension, though she did here after the death of her husband that Blackaby had drawn his pension, but whether that has any truth in the statement or not she cannot say, but she is positively certain that her said husband never received from Government a single cent as Pension money, nor never made any regular application for a Pension, but that he did make an agreement with Blackaby as aforesaid, and that Blackaby got from her said husband money several times without ever accomplishing anything to her knowledge, and that Blackaby kept putting her husband off from time to time by telling him that he would obtain the Pension for him by and by – until her husband died without receiving anything. –

That she has never before made any application for a Pension, nor received any, that she was married to her said husband after the expiration of his last tour of service and that she has never intermarried since his death, but still remains his widow.

That she claims the amount due her said husband (as his widow) under the act of the 7th of June 1832, and also under the act of the 15th of May 1828, if he was entitled to any Pension under said act.

That she also claims under the several acts before mentioned as the widow of her said husband for his services in the Revolutionary War, and depends mainly upon the evidence of her said husband's services and of her marriage which she may be able to procure and file with this her declaration.

S/ Catharine Sellers, X her mark

[f p. 15: In Kenton County Kentucky, William Lawler, Ninety Six, gave a supporting affidavit in

which he states that he and Nathaniel Beesley were served by heirs charged by the state of Virginia in surveying military land for the warrants issued by the state to the soldiers who served in the Virginia line; that he was well acquainted with Michael Sellers and his wife, Kathryn,; that he well remembers surveying 8 200 acre tract of land for Michael Sellers as a warrant from the state of Virginia for his service in the revolution; that from private records in his possession, he knows the warrant was number 3745 and was located on the waters of Eagle Creek in Brown County Ohio in 1808.

William Sawyer

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[f p. 18: On January 10, 1853 in Clinton County Kentucky, Samuel Hughey, 98, gave testimony, among other things, that he knew Catharine Dillman, the daughter of Henry Dillman of Bourbon County Kentucky before her marriage to Michael Sellers; that they were married and raised a large family; and that Michael Sellers born the reputation of having served as a soldier in the revolution for 7 years.

Samuel Hughey

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[f p. 3: Certified copy of the marriage record in the clerks office in Bourbon County Kentucky showing the marriage of Michael Sellers to Catharine Dillman December 20, 1786]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 3, 1826 ending June 4th, 1836, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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