

## Pension Application for Oliver Selfridge

S.22973

Private, Captain Hodges, Col. Van Wort, N. York Line

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Washington County Com. Pleas now sitting Oliver Selfridge a resident of the town of Argyle in the County of Washington and State of New York aged seventy two years the fifteenth day of September last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That when I first entered I resided in the town of Cambridge County of Washington and State of New York, I volunteered from the New York Militia for four months in the month of April in the year of 1776 and went under the command of Capt. Samuel Hodge Col. Van Wort was the commandant of the Troops and we were first stationed at White Creek about two months and was employed [sic] in Scouting to Skeensborough now the town of Whitehall. Fort Ann, Lake George and through the wood in several directions from White Creek the company I belonged to marched to Granville where we were stationed two months and again we were employed in Scouting as aforesaid almost all the time out in and through the woods about the lakes, and in the latter part of August we were discharged by Col. Van Wort who was stationed at Salem. I served and did the duty of a private soldier four months and I returned home to Cambridge aforesaid I resided there until the latter part of April.

In the year of 1777 I again volunteered for four months from the New York Militia and went under the command of Capt. John McCalep [McKillip] and John Blair was the Col. and Commandant. We were stationed at Fort Edward and was employed almost all the time in the woods in scouting parties ranging the wilderness about Lake Champlain, Fort Ann and Lake George. That sometime about the first of August myself with 15 or 20 men were detached under a Sergeant and sent to Fort George to bring some Cannon away from the Fort and on our return we met a guard of our Soldiers commanded by an Adjutant going to Fort Ann with powder for the fort and the officer requested some of us to go with him as some of his men had been taken sick and some were lame. I volunteered and went with them and on our way we met soldiers that were wounded going to Fort Edward who informed us they had had a battle at Fort Ann but that the enemy was repulsed and gone off we went on and delivered the powder and I with seven others returned back to Fort Edward. We continued keeping up our scouting until about the middle of August when I was discharged. I served at this time four months when I returned to Cambridge aforesaid where I resided until the latter part of July 1779 previous to this time the Indians and Tories come down from Canada and wounded Younglove and S. Stewart and it created quite an alarm with the depredations committed by them. I volunteered by a requisition from the New York Militia and went into the service under the command of Capt. Smith the only officer and about twenty soldiers we were not stationed at any one place and found our own provisions we ranged the East Mountains, Green Mountains and several other places in pursuit of the Indians and Tories and in the latter part of September we were discharged. I served at this time two months and returned to my Father's in the town of Cambridge aforesaid where I remained until about the first day of March in the year 1782 when I inlisted in the New York Levies or Troops for nine months Capt. Anthony Welps was the muster master we went in small parties to the Barracks at Saratoga where we were organized. Capt. Anthony Welps and Lieut John Hundsdales were the officers of our Company, Col. Willet was the Commandant we were stationed at the Barracks and remained there about one month one mile north of us the standing troops were stationed where Major Scott commanded and about the first day of April our company was sent to Salem where we were stationed and I with others were sent out in Scouting

parties about Lake George, Lake Champlain and Fort Ann and other places we frequently discovered the enemy but had no skirmishes we remained at Salem until we were ordered to march about the first of December to Saratoga then to Schenectada where we were discharged and I served and did my duty as a private soldier nine months and a few days and I returned home to Cambridge when I moved to Argyle where I now reside and have resided ever since. That I never have received a written discharge. That there is a record of my age in the church book in the town of Pelham Massachusetts. That I have no documentary evidence and that I know of no persons whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service except John Baker and John Daty who can testify to my nine months service only whose affidavits are hereunto annexed that Rev. George Mairs and Daniel Stevenson who lives in the neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier in the Revolution.

That I was born in the town of Pelham State of Massachusetts in the year 1759.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Oliver Selfridge

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk.

Letter dated September 17, 1934, written in response to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Oliver Selfridge.

The record of Oliver Selfridge is given herein as found in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S.22973, based upon his service in that war.

Oliver Selfridge was born September 15, 1759, in Pelham, Massachusetts; the names of his parents are not shown. He lived with his father in Cambridge, Washington County, New York, during the Revolutionary War.

He enlisted and served as private in the New York troops as follows: from sometime in April 1776, four months in Captain Samuel Hodge's company, Colonel Van Woert's regiment; from sometime in April 1777, four months in Captain John McKillip's company, Colonel Robert Blair's regiment; from sometime in July 1779, two months in Captain Smith's company; and from about March 1, 1782, nine months in Captain Anthony Welp's company, Colonel Willett's regiment, during which he was in frequent skirmishes.

The soldier resided in Cambridge, Washington County, New York, about thirty years "from childhood", then moved to Argyle, in said Washington County.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 28, 1832, at which time he resided in Argyle, Washington County, New York.

There is no reference to wife or children of the soldier in this claim.