

**Pension Application for Andrew Selover
Isaac Selover, War of 1812**

S.16246

Private, Captain Abeel, Col. Lasher, NY troops.

State of New York

Greene County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Greene now sitting Andrew Selover a resident of the town of Athens in the County of Greene and State of New York aged seventy seven 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born at the City of New York on the 16th day of May 1756—That he has no record of his birth, and that he knows of no record thereof, unless there be a record of his Baptism in the City of New York, in the Presbyterian Church where he has been informed by his father in his lifetime he was baptized—That from his birth until sometime in the year 1776 he resided in the City of New York; that in the year 1776 he removed to Athens aforesaid & has from that time until now always resided there.

That in the month of May 1775 while residing in the City of New York, he enlisted as a volunteer for one year (if the war should last so long) in a volunteer company raised in the City of New York for the service of the United States—

That James Abeel was Captain of the Company, that John Johnson was First Lieutenant, John Bancker Second Lieutenant, and that John Lasher was Colonel of the Regiment—That the company equipped themselves at their own expense, and that this declarant did military duty as such volunteer in the service of the United States for the whole of that year.

That all his services aforesaid were rendered on New York Island, except that for ten or fourteen days he did service in Westchester north of Kingsbridge—That he was not engaged in any battle during the aforesaid time.—

This declarant further says that in the following May or June to wit 1776, he removed to the town of Athens in the County of Greene aforesaid, that in July in the same year, he engaged as a substitute for a class (so called) of Militia who had to furnish a man for five months for the United States service.—That this declarant as such substitute went on immediately to the city of Albany & was there attached to a company commanded by Capt. Henry Marselis of Albany; that Benjamin Dubois of Catskill in the County of Greene was Lieutenant, that Cornelius VanDycke of Schenectady was Colonel. That this declarant marched immediately under the said officers to Lake George in the State of New York—That he remained at Lake George at the south end of the lake at a Fort called Fort George—That he remained there six or seven weeks; that he marched from there to Ticonderoga, remained there two weeks; that while at Ticonderoga orders were received, that part of the forces there should go to Fort Stanwix; that this deponent under the said orders marched as far south as what was then called the New City (now Troy) and there the detachment was met by an express, ordering the troops to return north—that this deponent then with the detachment marched north as Fort Edward & there remained until the expiration of the five months for which he had agreed to serve as a substitute. That this deponent did active service and without any interruption during the whole of the said five months—That while at Fort George, Peter Gansevoort of Albany commanded, but he does not remember the name of the commanding officer while at Ticonderoga—

That while at Fort Edwards the aforesaid Captain Marselis commanded the company to which this deponent belonged; and Cornelius VanDyck aforesaid commanded the detachment.

That he has no written discharge or other documentary evidence whereby he can prove his services—That he knew of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his service except what is hereunto annexed. That he never had any discharge in writing.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) And'w Selover
Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. William V. B. Hermance Clk

Letter dated August 7, 1934, written in response to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to the service and family of your great great grandfather, whose surname was Selover. You state that he was killed in the War of 1812, was survived by a widow and six children and that his widow drew a pension.

A very careful search of the War of 1812 records has been made and no claim for pension found based upon service of a soldier with surname Selover, under any spelling, who was killed in the War of 1812.

The record has been found of one Isaac Selover or Selover or Sellover, who served in that war and was near death during his service. This may be the record you seek. The Revolutionary War records have been searched also, and only one record found of a soldier with that surname. It is that of Andrew Selover.

These two records are furnished you herein as found in the claims
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Andrew Selover was born May 16, 1756, in the city of New York, and was baptized in the Presbyterian Church in that city. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in New York City, Andrew Selover volunteered about May 1, 1775, as a private in Captain James Abeel's Company, Colonel John Lasher's New York Regiment; his service consisted in standing guard at night and in the protection of the city; in August, 1775, Andrew Selover was ordered to Paulus Hook, New Jersey and assisted in the capture of a British sloop; he served until sometime in February 1776. In June 1776 he moved to Athens, Greene County, New York, enlisted there, and served as a private in captain Henry Mersalis' Company, Colonel Cornelius Van Dyck's New York Regiment; marched to Fort George on Lake George; thence to Ticonderoga; thence to Fort Edward where he continued until his term of enlistment, five months had expired.

Andrew Selover was allowed pension on his application executed May 28, 1833, while residing in Athens, New York.

There are no data as to soldier's family in his pension claim.
Isaac Selover
O.W.W.R.17740

Isaac Selover (the name also appears as Selover and Sellover) was born September 24, 1782. The place of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

Isaac Selover enlisted at Athens, Greene County, New York, and served from August 27, 1812 to November 25, 1812, as sergeant in Captain Silas Pierson's Company of New York Militia. It was stated that he was stationed on Staten Island, and while there went in a small boat with a detail of six men to board a vessel lying off the island; the boat capsized, he was thrown into the water and almost drowned, and in consequence of this exposure, his health was seriously impaired and for the remainder of his term of enlistment, he was employed in the commissary department.

The soldier married January 22, 1806, at Coxsackie, Greene County, New York, Mary Cornwell, who was born November 16, 1789.

He died July 21, 1839, at Scott, Cortland County, New York, and his widow married December 15, 1846, in Homer, New York, Lewis Price, who died in 1852 or 1853, presumably, as shortly after their marriage, he deserted her and went "to some one of the western states".

Mary Price was allowed bounty land on account of the services of her former husband, Isaac Selover, on her application executed April 6, 1855, while residing in Homer, New York.

In order to obtain the location of the land cited above, you should apply to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Department, this city, and cite the following data: Bounty land Warrant 73802-160-55.

Children of Isaac and Mary Selover;

Andrew Selover born November 5, 1807, married August 8, 1830, Rhoda Foscutt or Foscutt: in 1852 Andrew was living in Homer, New York.

Louis or Lewis Ramons Selover born December 1, 1809 died April 19, 1810.

Zacheus or Zecheus Roach Selover born September 20, 1811, married January 5, 1833, Angeline Smith.

Dorcas Ann Selover born November 8, 1813, married April 18, 1830, Nathan Bacon.

Jacob Reuben Selover born November 19, 1815, married October 13, 1845, Clarrissa M. Lewis.

John Collus Selover born August 4, 1819, married May 23, 1842. Marinda or Marinda M. Miles.

Peter C. Selover born August 16, 1822, in 1857, made affidavit in Cortland County, New York.

Isaac Selover born May 4, 1827, married October 7, 1850, Louisa H. Rose.

Sally M. Selover born May 19, 1834, died June 6, 1841.

The name C. M. Selover appears; no relationship to the family shown; a resident of Cortland County, New York, in 1855.