

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Seth P. Alday R73
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State of South Carolina }
Union District }

On this twenty ninth day July one thousand eight hundred and forty personally appeared in open court, before John J Pratt Judge of Ordinary for Union District in the State of South Carolina, the declarant Seth Alday a resident of Fannon Creek in the District of Union & State of South Carolina, aged seventy eight 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 made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: That he entered the army of the United States in the year 1779 under Capt Edmund Ried [sic: Edmund Read] & served two years, the time for which he enlisted, in a troop or regiment of Cavalry of the Virginia line commanded by Major John Nelson, that [illegible] born in Charlotte county in Virginia, where he resided when he enlisted and entered the service; that he received a written discharge after the term of enlistment expired, from Capt Edmund Ried, which has since been mislaid or lost. He hereby relinquishes every claim, whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. This declarant further states that the reason why he has fail'd to apply for the benefit of the act passed 7th June 1832 until now, was because of his ignorance of the proof necessary & his inability to produce the evidence that he was advised by his counsel to be necessary.

[signed] Seth Alday

Charlotte County Va. 12th Oct 1840.

I certify that Seth Alday who I understood to be the son of Perren Alday Inlisted in the service of this State during the Revolutionary War under Capt. Edm'd. Read of this County, I beleave the person now applying to me for this testimony to be the same man given under my hand this day & date above mentioned

Martha herXmark Epperson

NOTES:

A letter submitted with Alday's application adds the following: "he has been a resident of this District more than forty years, by trade a tailor. He is from appearance fully 78 the age he represents himself, being born as he says on the 25th March 1762."

On 22 Nov 1847 Sarah Alday, as required by law, returned the pension certificate of her husband, Seth Alday, who had died on or about 24 Sep 1847. On the same day she assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits from her husband's service. On 2 Oct 1848 in Meade County KY Martha Board and William H. Board deposed that "Seth P. Allday" died in Union County SC on 24 Nov 1847, and that his aged widow, "Sarah Allday," had since lived in Meade County.