

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Seamond R9336

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State of Virginia County of Albemarle Sct.

On this Second day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, before the County Court of Albemarle, now sitting: Ephraim Seamonds, a resident of the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia, aged seventy-nine 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 entered the service under James Hawkins, as Captain, and marched and joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Matthews. He entered the Camp at four miles below Richmond, thence he marched to Morvin hills [Malvern Hills] – where he saw the British fleet, lying off James-Town; thence he was marched under Colonel Matthews to Richmond; thence to Goodalls; thence to the Ground Squirrel bridge; by way of Scotch Town, thence to the Wildness Tavern [??]¹ on the line between Orange and Spotsylvania County; thence to Culpepper Church; thence marched back, by the ~~Raccoon Ford~~ the Rapid-Arm River in the County of Orange, by Wright's Tavern to Poages Mills; and thence through Louisa [County] upon what has been called the Marquis' road, to Mychunk Creek [Mechunk Creek], bordering upon the County of Albemarle – thence he marched to a place near James Town. He entered the service first as a drafted militia man in the year __ and served two months and was under General Nelson & Lafayette. His Regiment was joined near Poage's Mill in Orange, by a detachment of Grenadiers under General Wayne.

The declarant further states that he was drafted as a Militia-man, a second time to go to Camden in South Carolina, but his affairs being in such a situation he could not leave them he furnished a substitute for a six months tour, for which he paid the sum of \$1200 in the paper Currency of the day, to the best of his recollection, then of the value of \$100 in specie – does not recollect the year & months when these drafts were made, when both these were made he lived in the County of Albemarle.

On the third tour he served he had removed to the County of Orange, and was drafted at Orange Courthouse under Captain Garland and marched to the neighborhood of Williamsburg and thence towards Bottoms Bridge – on the expedition he belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Richardson – and was commanded by Major Stubblefield – His General was Nelson, this tour continued for two months and was performed principally in the Country between Richmond &

Wildness Tavern

tide-water. The declarant further states that he was called to make a draft the fourth time, in the County of Orange, and was excused from doing so, in consequence of the capture of a deserter from the American Army, who was also a horse thief – this draft and the third were each for the period of two months – the latter was called for the purpose of marching to York-Town to aid in the capture of Cornwallis.

The declarant further states that Reuben Boston was Sergeant in the first draft and knows that he was in service he now lives in Kentucky if alive, of which fact he cannot say certainly – That he is well known to John Goss and Benjamin Ficklin, both ministers of the Baptist Church.

That he has no documentary evidence whatsoever of his service, that he [indecipherable word] had regular discharges which have been lost – he also served forty days at the Albemarle Barracks as a Guard – The declarant 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 – He further states that he has no register of his age.

(signed) Ephraim Seamond

Thereupon the Court propounded to the Applicant the following Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans-- I was born in Albemarle County about the year 1753.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans-- I have no record of my age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans-- When called into service the two first tours I lived in Albemarle County Virginia & thence I removed to the County of Orange & continued throughout the War & then came back to the County of Albemarle, where I have resided ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans-- I was drafted as a militia man.

5th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans-- I had regular discharges, but I have lost them, I don't recollect by whom given.

6th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans-- I do not recollect at this time more than I have stated in my foregoing declaration.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans-- I will state the names of John Goss & Benjamin Ficklin both ministers of the Gospel and Jonathan Michie & James Michie Junior, who can testify to my character for veracity and whose certificates are here shown or will be obtained.

James Dunn,² being 1st sworn, says – that the tour of service alluded to under Marquis Lafayette, the deponent states that he was in service with the applicant Seamonds & knows that he served a tour of 2 months as stated in his declaration.

[John Goss, a clergyman, and Jonathan Michie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

² FPA S8359