

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Seay R9358

Polly

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Washington City DC June 30, 1852

Sir

I herewith present the claim of Polly Seay, (a sister of the late honorable Felix Grundy Attorney General of the US) the widow of Samuel Seay, deceased, for a Revolutionary Pension, under the act of July 29, 1848,

He served with his brother Jacob Seay,<sup>1</sup> and with one Samuel Overton,<sup>2</sup> a Company, both of whom were pensioned and were paid in Washington County Kentucky. [Indecipherable word] it is presumed his name can be readily found on the Rolls.

Among the other papers is a record of events kept by the deceased among which events is the date of his marriage! I have paged the diary and the record will be found on page 11.

My power of attorney will be found embodied in her declaration.

I enclose also a letter from the son of the widow, who requested me to attend to the case. It well I think throw some light on the subject,

Very respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant  
S/ William Hunt, Attorney

Hon. J. E. Heath  
Com. Pensions

State of Kentucky County of Graves: SS

On this 21st day of June 1852 personally appeared before the ~~Graves County~~ Court of the County of Graves, State of Kentucky aforesaid Mrs. Polly Seay a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-four years, who being sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed 29th of July 1848.

That she is the widow of Samuel Seay deceased a Revolutionary Soldier, who served as she believes in the Virginia State Troops and in the Virginia Militia as a private soldier for two or more Tours, that he served with Samuel Overton, a Company, and with Jacob Seay a brother, both Overton and Jacob Seay having drawn pensions, but who are now deceased. She has no means of knowing the officers' names under whom her deceased husband served, but he served with his brother Jacob Seay and with Samuel Overton who received their pensions in Washington County Kentucky. She thinks, there will be no difficulty in referring to the Rolls for

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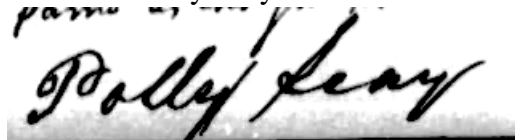
<sup>1</sup> [Jacob Seay S31352](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Overton S16499](#)

his name. That her deceased husband, Samuel Seay was a native of Amelia County, Virginia, where he was born on the 12th of April 1760. He emigrated from that place to Kentucky in 1793, where he continued to reside until his death.

That he died in Washington County, Kentucky, August 31, 1824, That her maiden name was Polly Grundy, that she is a sister of Felix Grundy, formerly Attorney General of the United States and the only survivor of the family. That she was married to her deceased husband in Washington County Kentucky on the 11th day of October 1796, as the accompanying record will show. There is not to her knowledge any other record. She was born on the 29th day of August 1778. That she has had five children by the said deceased husband three of whom are now living. The eldest child was born in the year 1797. She is a widow, and has never married since the death of the said Samuel say. He has left no papers and she does not know of any person now living who served with him. She declares that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place prior to the 1st of January 1800 viz. at the time above stated. She also swears that she has never before made any application for a pension. She also declares that she has appointed William Hunt of Washington City DC, as her true and lawful attorney to present her claim and to receive the certificate of pension, if granted, also to do all other acts in the premises the same as though she herself were personally present.

S/ Polly Seay

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Polly Seay". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. Above the signature, there is some faint, partially legible text that appears to be "name" followed by a line.

[facts in file: Elizabeth Morrison, wife of Rev. William Morrison, was the eldest child of Samuel and Polly Seay: James G. Seay was a son of Samuel and Polly Seay; one other child (not named) survived at the time the widow filed her application. The file contains a 'diary' of 15 pages [f pp 2-17] which lists a series of events which would be of interest to folks interested in this veteran.

I have extracted a few entries as follows:

- p. 2: 'grandfather luck departed this life Augst 6 1787'  
'Brother Jacob Seay went to Kentucky October 17 [1787]
- p. 4 'grand father Seay departed this life Feruary the 10 [1790]
- p. 6 'the year 1793 old Capt Edmond Booker departed this life January 15'
- p. 7 'the year 1793 Samuel B. Seay Bourn Jameany 13  
'Set of [off] to Kentuck the 2 day of april and got their on the 2 of May at limlstone  
Samuel Seay  
'A treaty held Between the whits [whites] and Enidens [Indians] June 5<sup>th</sup> [1793]
- p. 8 [still 1793]  
'Charls grundy [Charles Grundy] dide [died] of the Small pox December 10
- p. 9 [1794]  
'John grundies [John Grundy's] Wife dide [died] Febuary the 16<sup>th</sup>
- p. 10 [1795]  
'Brother John [Seay] departed this life august the 19  
[1796]  
'Married on October the 11 1796  
'Moved from Springfield February the 14 1797
- p. 11 'Elizabeth garland Born October the 29 1797  
'James gardum Bourn March 22 1799

- 'Peter Departed this life July the 7 1799
- 'Moses Austin Bourn the 5 of December 1800
- p. 13 'Austin Seay was married February the 25 1801
- 'Moses Austin Seay Dide [died] November the 20 Day of October 1803
- p. 14 'A great Earth Quake on the Sunday night of the 15 of December in the year 1811
- 'Earth Quake on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 1812 and a great many after them
- p. 15 'the year 1811 the theatre in Richmond take fire by accident and in which 60 persons perished in the flames
- 'Mother departed this life the 8 of November 1816
- P. 16 'Mother Walton departed this life January the 10 1818
- p. 17 'Moses Seay dide [died] March 17<sup>th</sup> 1824
- 'Mother Grundy dide [died] April the 3, 1824]