

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Burges Seemore R9365

Dicey Seemore

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State of Kentucky Hart County: Sct.

On this 13th day of September 1853 personally appeared Mrs. Dicy Seemore before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and being duly sworn doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the several acts of Congress granting Pensions to the widows of revolutionary Soldiers. That she is the widow of Burges Seemore Deceased – who was a Soldier who Served in the Revolutionary War. That said Burges Seemore before his marriage with her the said Dicy viz. about the ___ day of ___ 1780 at Hallifax County [Halifax County] Virginia entered the service of the United States as a Private Soldier as she is informed and believes but in what company or under what Officer she cannot now state, nor is she certain as to the year he entered the service, that he served the United States as a Private for about Sixteen months & in the course of which service he was in the Battle fought at Guilford North Carolina in March 1781 [March 15, 1781], when the American Troops were under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. She cannot state the particulars of said Seemore's service, he was Honorably Discharge from the said service but at what place she cannot state. He obtained a written Discharge which he had for years thereafter but lost or mislaid it so that it cannot be found but she supposes the Rolls on file in the War Office will show his name & Service. She was married to the said Burges Seemore about the ___ day of ___ 1788 in Hallifax County Virginia by one Thomas Dodson a preacher of that day that her name before her said marriage was Dicy Hart, her said husband died at Norfolk Virginia about the ___ day of ___ 1813 – and left her the said Dicy his widow that she has never intermarried since the death of the said Burgess Seemore but still continues his widow she was about the age of 22 years when she married and is now about the age of 89 years her said husband never applied for or ever received a Pension from the United States for his said Service nor did she ever heretofore applied for a Pension. She is from age & bodily infirmity unable to attend court for the purpose of making her said Declaration in court in her statements above as to dates she may be mistaken as her recollection has failed her very much. She has no knowledge of any Record of her marriage

S/ Dicy Seemore, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year last above written and I certify that said Dicy Seemore above named is a person of credibility and truth and that from age & bodily infirmity she is not able to attend Court for the purpose of making her Declaration in Court.

S/ Isaac Chaplin, JP

[p 8: Stephen C. Puckett gave a supporting affidavit dated November 5, 1853 in Hart County Kentucky in which he states he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that the veteran died at Crany Island [sic, Craney Island] near Norfolk in the fall of 1813 when he was about 50 years old and had gone to Craney Island to visit a son who was sick in the Army stationed there; that the widow removed from Halifax County Virginia about the year 1827 or 1828 to Kentucky, Hart County; that he resided in Halifax County Virginia where he was born until 1830 when he removed to Hart County Kentucky; that he was born in 1795 and knew several of the children of the veteran and his wife who were older than affiant; that veteran was considered a soldier of the revolution and that he often heard his wife's father, Thomas Sparrow and his own father and a great many other men of Halifax County speak of the veteran as having served in the revolutionary war and fought at the battle of Guilford; that affiant and his brother James E Puckett were soldiers in the War of 1812 and were stationed at Norfolk at the time the veteran died.]