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Pension Application of John Seamster S25429

VA

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

State of Virginia to wit,

On this six day of July 1833 Personally appeared before me [name illegible] Justice of the peace for the County of Halifax in the State aforesaid John Seamster a resident of the said Halifax County in the State aforesaid aged Eighty 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 7th 1832, That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 with Captain Worsham for the term of Eighteen months and marched from the County of Halifax, where he resided to Petersburg in the State of Virginia. at that place he was put under Captain Marks and served in the 6th or 7th Regiment of the Virginia line in the Continental Army under Colo. Blueford [sic: Abraham Buford] and was with him when he was defeated at the hanging Rock in the State of South Carolina [Battle of the Waxhaws about 12 mi N of Hanging Rock, 29 May 1780]. in that engagement I was severely wounded by cuts of the Sword on the head, a Bayonett was run through my right arm. after the battle was over I was carried to an Hospital where I was confined for about eight months during which time my wright arm was cut off by Doctor Clemmonds which rendered me unfit for military service. I was discharged from the Army at Charlotte town in the State of North Carolina by Doctor Clemmonds to the best of my recollection in the month of January 1781. The whole time I served in the Army of the Revolution including the time I lay in the Hospital &c was not less than two years, for which service I claim a pension. in consequence of the wound received (as above stated I have been placed on the Pension Roll as an Invalid. The following is a true copy of the Original Certificate, that is now in my possession.

War Department, Invalid Pension

I certify that in conformity with the laws of the United States, John Seamster late a private of the United States army is inscribed on the Pension list, Roll of the Virginia Agency, at the Rate of Eight Dollars per month to commence on the day to which he was last paid.

Given at the War office of the United States this twenty fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty three — J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War

Registered in Book B, Vol. 8, page 100 by Wm Gordon Clerk

Examined and Countersigned by J. L. Edwards

my discharge is lost and cannot be found I do not at this time recollect any person living that was in the service with me

I was born in the County of Essex in the State of Virginia I suppose in the year 1753. I have no record of my age.

I lived in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia when I entered the Service of the revolution. I lived in the same County when the War ended and live in the said County at this time.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and also the pension that I am now entitle to as an Invalid, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State, only on that of the Agency in the State of Virginia.

John hisXmark Seamster

[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Halifax County June Court 1786

ordered that it be certified to the Governor & council of Virginia, that on enquiry & examination, it appears to the court that John Seamster was a soldier in Colo. Beaufords regiment, and that he lost his

right arm entirely at the action of the hanging rock, Beaufords defeat & that in their opinion, the said Seamster cannot personally wait on the Executive, without great inconveniency.
Teste Geo. Carrington

I DO, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that John Seamster of Halifax, aged about 35 years late a private in the detachment of the Virginia Line under the command of Colo Buford, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the United States as to entitle him to the sum of Eighteen Pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786

GIVEN under my hand at Richmond, this 4th day of November 1786
[Patrick Henry]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Patrick Henry, written in dark ink on a light background. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a prominent initial 'P'.

NOTE: The state pension file includes orders to pay and receipts for payment, the last dated 6 May 1789.
On his pension certificate it is written that Seamster died 10 June 1839