

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Sears S25810

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### Application for a Transfer

State of Kentucky County of Allen Sct.

On this 16th day of August 1824, before me, the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Allen personally appeared Joseph Sears of said County who, on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Jones of the 3rd troop of the 1st Virginia Regiment of light Dragoons, the troop commanded by James Gun, and the Regiment commanded 1st by Colonel Bland and subsequently by Colonel Robert Temple and afterwards by Colonel Anthony W White, in the service of the United States – that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia at the end of his service he went to North Carolina to live where he resided until about 16 or 17 years ago when he removed to this state (Kentucky) where he has ever since resided & intends to remain, (to wit in said County of Allen) and wishes his pension payable there in Kentucky in the future. That for the last 66 months he received \$292.82 and was informed that he was entitled to receive 44\$44/100 per month and that he was paid about 20 cents of what he was entitled to.

Sworn to & subscribed to before me the day & year 1st aforesaid

Thos. Gallon, JP

S/ Joseph Sears



State of Kentucky Allen County Sct.

On this 16th day of October 1826 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid personally appeared Joseph Sears who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain James Gun in the 1st Virginia Regiment of light dragoons commanded by Anthony Walton White in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia but he has never received a formal Certificate and now wishes to obtain one, which notification of a pension from the Government & Council of Virginia, was on or about the fall of the year 1818 sent by this affiant to Richmond Virginia by James J Foster to draw the arrears of his pension then due – and said Foster lost the same, and he the said Foster is now dead so that his affidavit cannot be had of its laws. Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of October 1826.

S/ Anak Dawson, JP

Increase of Pension

It is hereby certified that Joseph Sears formerly a private of Captain Gunns company in the first Virginia Regiment of light dragoons who it appears by the accompanying Certificate was placed on the Pension Roll at the rate of \$4 and 43 cents per month on account as he states of having received [one or more indecipherable symbols or words] seven wounds in the shoulder, one in the knee, two in the head & other less wounds amounting in all to Eleven while in the line of his duty, and in the said Service on or about the 6th day of May in the year 1780 at a place called Len'd [Leneud's] ferry in the State of South Carolina, is not only still disabled in consequence of said injury but in our opinion is entitled to \$3.57 since more than he already receives as a pensioner, being disabled to a degree amounting to a total disability.

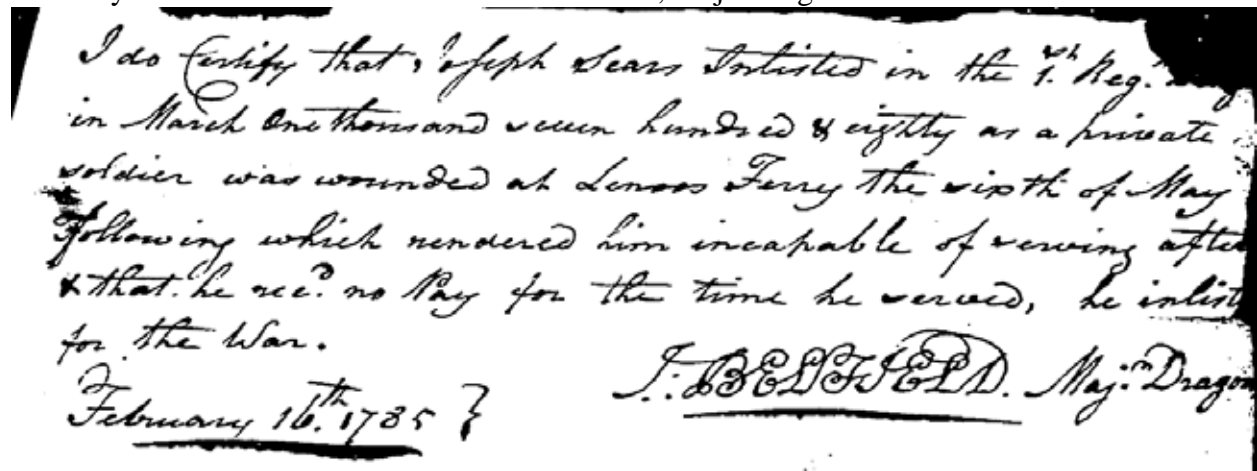
S/ Robt H. Parris }  
S/ Thos. J. Moore } Physicians

[attested in Allen County Kentucky January 23, 1832 by manual Swearingen, JP]

The Virginia State Library has posted documents relative to this veterans claim on its online digital collection posted at [http://1va1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/9HPDIX967453M9DSV28FXH8F8H3GECVBIUMXYD22BN9THPGJS-65631?func=full-set-set&set\\_number=004524&set\\_entry=000002&format=999](http://1va1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/9HPDIX967453M9DSV28FXH8F8H3GECVBIUMXYD22BN9THPGJS-65631?func=full-set-set&set_number=004524&set_entry=000002&format=999)

I do Certify that Joseph Sears enlisted in the 1st Virginia Regiment in March 1780 as a private soldier was wounded at Lenods Ferry the 6th of May following which rendered him incapable of serving after & that he received no Pay for the time he served, he enlisted for the War.

February 16th 1785 S/ J. Belfield, Majr. Dragoon



Mecklenburg County May Quarterly Court 1788

A certificate in the following words was presented to the Court, to wit, "I do with the advice of the Council hereby certify that Joseph Sears aged about 24 years late a private in the 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons and whose pay was at the rate of Thirty pounds per annum was disabled in the service of the United States by a wound in the knee and more in the shoulder, and that he is allowed the sum of 10 pounds yearly, to commence from the 1st day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond, this 9th day of January 1788

S/ Edm Randolph

T. Meriwether"

Whereupon it is ordered that the Sheriff pay to the said Joseph Sears yearly twenty pounds what the law entitles him to the 1st day of January last in consequence of the said Certificate.

A copy, Test

£20

S/ W. Baskerville, DCS

Worcester County May Quarterly Court 1788  
 A Certificate in the following words was presented to the Court, to wit, I do with the advice of the Council hereby certify that Joseph Sears aged about 26 years, late private in the 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons and who pay was at the rate of thirty pounds per annum, was disabled in the service of the United States, by a wound in the Arm and now in the Province; and that he is allowed the sum of Ten pounds yearly, to commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1788  
 T. Mifflin then  
 Edm Randolph  
 Whereupon It is ordered that the Sheriff pay to the said Joseph <sup>yearly pence</sup> ~~yearly pence~~ what the Law entitles him to, in consequence of the said Certificate.  
 A Copy Test W Baskerville DCS

Certificate that Joseph Sears enlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia Line 1st day of May 1779 that he continued in the Army under the command of Richard Parker Esquire until March 1780 at which time he enlisted in the Cavalry. He has only received 3 months pay for his service which was paid him in July 1779.

Saml. Selden, Lt. V. Line

I do Certify that Joseph Sears Enlisted in the 3rd Troop in the 1st Regiment Dragoons as a private Soldier in March 1780 for the War, and was wounded at Lenoer Ferry the 6th of May following which rendered him incapable of Serving after.

S/ J. Belfield, Major Dragoons

[the above certified as true copies]