

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Sewell S31354

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County: Sct

On this the 13th day of November personally appeared in open court before the worshipful members of the County Court of the County aforesaid now sitting Joseph Sewell a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-nine next March, who being 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States the first of April about the beginning of the revolutionary war, the year he does not now recollect, he went as a volunteer for, he thinks, six months, from Wilks [Wilkes] County North Carolina, under the command of Captain Benjamin Cleaveland [Benjamin Cleveland] & General Lopp they started to a place called Cross Creek in the lower part of North Carolina and about 100 miles from the County in which he lived and from which he started he states that after he had started & marched perhaps 120 miles towards Cross Creek he was called back by an express to the country from which he started to fight and expel the Indians who had after he had started commenced their warfare in that part of the country, he states that after he returned he was engaged in building a station in the County from which he started near the head of the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] which was called "Ellison's Station" and was there under the command of Captain Ellison guarding the station he thinks for three or four months he believes he served eight months from the time he first went out until he again volunteered from the County aforesaid under the command of Captain Frank Hartgrove for the term of three months and was joined to the Regiment commanded by General Rutherford the Army consisted of 3444 men this expedition was against the Indians, they crossed the Blue Ridge at the head of the Catawbey [Catawba] River and marched to the head of the Swanono [Swannanoa] River, thence down said River to the junction of the big Pigeon River, thence to Little Pigeon River thence to French Broad [River], from thence to the Tennessee River, to a town of the Indians called Cowee town, from thence to another Indian town called Keewee, upon the Keewee River, from thence to the Hiwassee River and during which tower [tour] they killed many Indians & destroyed all their towns in the Country through which they crossed; from the Hiwassee they marched back to the place from which they started and were discharged the three months for which he volunteered having expired. He states that about three months after his return he again volunteered under the command of Lieutenant Moses Ges

[probably Moses Guess or Guest] Captain John Barton & Colonel Elijah Isaacs, from the County & state aforesaid for the term, he thinks of two months and marched against the Tories passing through Salisbury to the Pedee River a distance of about 140 miles from where he started and he remained a week or two beyond the Pedee River and was then joined by the southern Army and was then marched back to the County from which he started. He states that nothing extraordinary took place during said tour. They met with about 100 Tories fired upon them killed one and wounded two and the balance flew.

He states that in a few days after his return he again volunteered from the County & State aforesaid under the command of said Lieutenant Ges & Captain John Barton to march against the British at Kings Mountain for six months he thinks and after having marched about 40 miles he was taken sick with a fever at Crider's Fort near the head of the Catawba River and remained there until he sent word of his situation to his relations and in a week or 10 days sent for him he having obtained a furlough from his Captain and was taken home where he was confined by his sickness about six months after which his health was not good and he performed no other services except some short skirmishes through the country after Indians & Tories. He states that he thinks the whole of the time he was engaged in the revolutionary war was at least two years [in a different hand someone has written "18 months"]

He states that he was born in the State of Mariland [Maryland] at a place called Elk Ridge he thinks in the year 1753 he states that his father kept a record of his age, that he himself is no scholar & has none, he lived during the whole of the revolutionary war in Wilkes County North Carolina, about two years after the war he moved to Carter County in East Tennessee and lived there about 30 years and from thence he moved to this County where he now lives, he states that he always volunteered his services in the revolutionary war as he has before stated; he states that he served under the officers as mentioned in this declaration and he knows of no important circumstance that transpired during his service more than he has herein stated. He states that he never received a discharge from the service, he sometimes received a furlough but not always and does he received he has lost. He states that he is known to Isaac Benton, William Wood, Daniel Myres, Joseph Speen, & Colonel Ambrose Bramlett all of whom are my neighbors and can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services in the revolution. He states that clergyman Isaac Denton was by appointment to have met him here at this court if he was able to give his certificate in this case. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Joseph Sewell

[Daniel L Myeres and John Willis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me George Croft a justice of the peace in and for the County of Cumberland & State of Kentucky Joseph Sewell the applicant in the attached declaration and made oath that he knows of no living witness whose testimony he is enabled to obtain by whom he can prove his services alleged in his declaration hereto attached.

Given under my hand as justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid this the 8th day of May 1833.

S/ George Croft, JP

[In Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th 1831 for 18 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]