

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Seabourn S37373

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky __ County, Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared Jacob Seabourn aged fifty six years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky and resident in the County of Clay; and that he was enlisted in the war at New Kent County in the State of Virginia on or about the 10th day of June 1781 by one Captain Hughes [John Hughes] and served in the company commanded by Captain Hughes of the 1st Virginia Dragoons on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel White [Anthony Walton White] that he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States, in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the 10th day of July 1783 when he was honorably discharged from service at Leneud's ferry on Santee [River] in the State of South Carolina; and that he was in service from the above date of enlistment until July 1783 and was in the battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and in the fight between General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and the Indians four miles from Savannah [June 23, 1782],¹ and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted. Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jos. Clark, Circuit Judge

Madison County to it

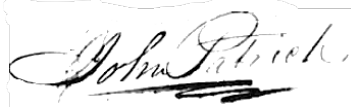
John Patrick states that he has known Jacob Seaburn for upwards of 16 years; that he believes the utmost confidence in all to be placed in the statements of the said Seaburn having served in the Revolutionary War, and that he has no doubt in their truth; the said Patrick having frequently heard the said Seaburn acknowledged as a Comrade by George Huges [George Hughes?] (who John Watts² of Bedford County Virginia who was a Captain in the Dragoons under Colonel Washington gave a Certificate to as a Sergeant in the Regiment of Dragoons commanded by

¹ General Anthony Wayne intercepted a large force of Creek Indians attempting to relieve the British in Savannah. The Creek chief Emistesigo was killed in this action

² [John Watts BLWt2431-300](#)

Colonel William Washington), at and after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs and that he heard the said Watts acknowledged the said Seaburn as an old Soldier in the southern War during the revolution.

S/ John Patrick



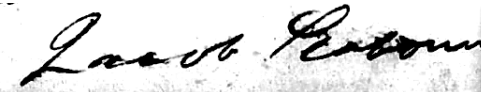
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Schedule

State of Kentucky Clay County Sct.

On this first day of July 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the County & State aforesaid (being so expressly created by the law establishing it) Jacob Seabourn aged fifty nine years resident in the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. He belonged to the first Virginia Regiment of dragoons and to Captain James Guns[James Gunn's] Company that his original declaration is dated the 17th day of September 1818 and the Number of his pension certificate is 10532 and he further solemnly swears that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. Has no property of any description whatever

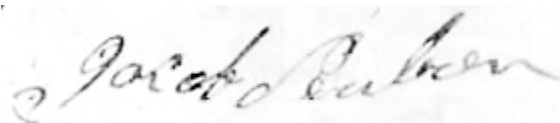
S/ Jacob Seabourn



He states that he is a farmer by occupation but from old age and an infirm constitution unable to follow it. He states that he has five children living with him of the following ages & names viz., George W aged 15 years, Thomas P aged 13 years, Frances aged 12 years, Sally aged 9 years and Pleasant P aged 4, that the three former children are able to contribute towards their own support, but the two latter are not able. He further states that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country. Sworn to and declared the day and date aforesaid. And it is ordered by the court that it be certified to the war Department that said Seabourn's property is of no value

[Attested July 15, 1822, by the clerk of the Clay County Kentucky court.]

[p 23: On September 2nd, 1823 in Madison County Kentucky veteran filed for a replacement pension certificate saying his original certificate was lost. His signature on this document appears as follows:



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[p 4: On June 4th, 1845 in Laurel County Kentucky, Ann Seaborn filed a claim for the arrearages due her deceased husband under the act of June 7th 1832; that her husband was awarded a pension of \$96 per annum under said act and she believes that he was entitled to \$100 per annum and she prays for the difference to be paid to her; that her husband died May 16, 1840 in Laurel County Kentucky.

Ann Seaborn

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 17, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line, Dragoons.]

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Addendum to Jacob Seabourn S37373

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 18 April 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Seeburn, Jacob.]

I do Certify that Jacob Seeburn did Inlist as a Soldier for the War in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons the 11th day of July 1781 & that he has never rec'd any Pay since & served until the Mutiny May 1783 [see endnote].

Pass'd Chas Jones Con'r[?]
13 Dec'r 1784.

G. Hite Lt. 1st R.L.D. [George Hite W5105]
Wm Barrett Capt. [William Barret VAS1197]
Baylor's Reg't L't Drag's

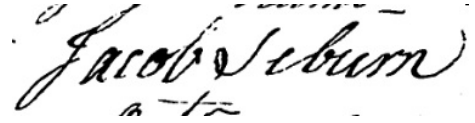
A Copy Jno White.

Copy of that lodged in my Office A'w Dunscomb
Nov. 30 1785

Com'r

Sir please to give Capt'n Gray [William Gray BLWt1486-200] A Certificate for my land warrent and Oblidge your Humb'l Servt
Colo. Meriweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether]

Jacob Seburn
Oct'r 28 1785

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Seburn". Below the signature, there is a small, faint mark that appears to be "a-12".

NOTE: According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra. *A Guide of Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution* (p 104): "On November 9, 1782, the 1st and 3d regiments of Continental Light Dragoons were merged into a unit of five troops, nominally commanded by the ailing George Baylor [W5966], but actually commanded by Major Swan [John Swan VAS2026]. The consolidated regiments remained in South Carolina until peace was declared. On hearing of the peace, about half the men elected Sergeant-Major William Dangerfield [William Daingerfield (Dangerfield) VAS256] as their leader, seized the remaining horses, and rode homeward. By their mutiny they forfeited their pensions and bounty lands. The other cavalrymen, unhorsed by the mutineers, were eventually picked up by a troop transport and taken home by sea to collect their discharges." Contrary to this statement, Seabourn and other mutineers did receive their pensions and bounty lands.