

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Sergeant (Searjeant, Serjeant) S38364 f46VA

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State and District of Virginia Frederick County Sct.

On this 5th day of February 1819 before me the subscriber, Sole and Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County aforesaid in the aforesaid State and district, personally appeared Jeremiah Sergeant aged about sixty two years, resident in Wood County in the said State and district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following 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 the said Jeremiah Sergeant in or about the month of August 1775 enlisted in Winchester in the State of Virginia aforesaid for one year in the company at that time in the service of the State aforesaid and commanded by Captain John Neville¹ afterwards transferred to the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment that shortly after the expiration of said year, Captain Neville being appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the said Regiment, and James Wood the Colonel thereof he enlisted in a company in the said Regiment commanded by Captain Andrew Waggoner for three years or during the War; that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the summer of 1779, when being rendered unfit for service by reason of the wound received before that time, he was discharged from service in the neighborhood of Germantown in the state of Pennsylvania, and that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], where he was severely wounded although he has never sought for, or obtained a pension for his disability proceeding therefrom and he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the annexed affidavits.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robt White

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Frederick County to wit

Personally appeared John Ruble² before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that Jeremiah Sergeant was an enlisted Soldier in the regular Army of the

¹ [John Nevill BLWt1595-500](#)

² Perhaps the same man as [John Ruble S4656](#)

United States in the Revolutionary war in Captain John Nevils company of the Virginia Line and marched from Winchester in the year of 1775 or 1776 to Fort Pitt and in about a year afterwards returned to Winchester and was shortly after marched towards Philadelphia and about two or three years afterwards he returned to the neighborhood and was wounded in the thigh.

And the said John Ruble further saith that he was at Fort Pitt and did see the aforesaid Jeremiah Sergeant and he then was in the service

Certified under my hand this 1st day of June [?] 1819

S/ L. M. Coole

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Frederick County to wit

Personally came James Crumley [could be James Crumby] before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made Oath that Jeremiah Serjeant was an enlisted Soldier in the regular Service of the United States and Captain John Nevils [sic] Company of the Virginia line, was marched from Winchester, Virginia in the year 1770 50 1776 and returned to the neighborhood of Winchester about 3 or 4 years afterwards and was wounded in the thigh –
Certified under my hand this 1st day of January 1819

S/ L. M. Coole

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Virginia Wood County to wit

On this Seventh day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record having unlimited common law jurisdiction and an official seal) Jeremiah Serjeant who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit in the 12th Virginia Regiment and that he has received a pension Certificate of the date of the 5th of February 1819 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ Jeremiah Serjeant³

Schedule of the Estate goods & Chattels of Jeremiah Serjeant

25 acres of land 10 of which is cleared, one cow & yearling calf, 5 hogs, 5 sheep, one table, one pot, 1 teakettle, one skillet, 2 pails, one churn, 1 tin kettle, 12 plates, 1 dish, 6 tea cups and saucers, one pair sheep shears, 4 crocks, 4 chairs, one plow & year, one ax, one which, 2 old hoes, 9 geese, 8 ducks, a few hens, 6 old chairs, one coffee pot, 2 wheels, one loom, some seeds & [indecipherable word], some knives & forks, fire shovel & tongs 2 augers

S/ Jeremiah Serjeant

And I further maketh oath that I am a farmer by Occupation and that by reason of a wound received in the revolutionary war I am not able to pursue it and that the members of my family

³ Since the handwriting of the signature of the veteran in this document is identical to the handwriting of the body of the document itself, I do not think it is the actual signature of the veteran but rather the name of the veteran signed by the scribe

residing with me all the following Armalle my wife – Sarah my daughter about 16 years of age,
Matilda & Rebecca of the ages of 13 & 14 years who by their labor might support themselves.

S/ Jeremiah Serjeant

[p 13: On April 21, 1835, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to Ohio having
moved to Meigs County in Ohio to live on land owned by his son-in-law (not named).

Jeremiah Serjeant]

[p 18: On June 21, 1837, the veteran again applied for the transfer of his pension from Ohio back
to Virginia his having removed from Meigs County of Ohio to Wood County Virginia to be with
his relatives who live in that County.

Jeremiah Serjeant]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 5, 1819, for service as
a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Jeremiah Sergeant (Searjeant, Serjeant) S38364

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file includes copies of some of the documents in the federal file.]

Frederick County, to wit

Personally came James Crumley before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that Jeremiah Sergeant was an enlisted soldier in the regular service of the United States in Captain John Nevil's company of the Virginia line, was marched from Winchester Virginia in the years 1775 or 1776 and returned to the neighbourhood of Winchester about three or four years afterwards, and was wounded in the thigh. Certified under my hand this 1st day Jan'y 1819.

(signed) L McCoole