

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Robert Seypeart (Scypeart) S39066

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State of Tennessee, Wayne County Court December Term 1820

On this 26th day of December 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record created by Statute of General jurisdiction on the law side of said Court) held in and for said County to wit for the County of Wayne, Robert Seypeart aged sixty five years on the fifth day of September 1820, who being first duly Sworn according to law does on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the provisions made by an act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and of the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Robert enlisted for the Term of thirty months on the 15th day of May 1776 in the State of North Carolina Chatham County in a company commanded by Captain Emmit in the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner and General Nash in the line of the North Carolina Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said company until discharged on the last day of October 1778 in a little town called New Windsor in the State of New York, that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Monmouth and Germantown, that his discharge is with the Secretary of North Carolina and that he has no evidence in his power except his own oath that I have no trade or profession and that I have a weakness in my back that often renders me unfit for any labor, my family consists of my wife, Isabella aged 57 years healthy for her age, my daughter named Abigail aged 21 years healthy and able to support herself, my son named Robert aged 18 years who is afflicted with pains and is altogether helpless and unfit to support himself, and in pursuance of an act of May 1820 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, securities, contracts or debts due you nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

S/ Robert Seypeart

Schedule

Forty four acres of land warrant

Four head of horse beast two mares and two Colts

Five milk Cows and nine calves 21 head of hogs [illegible word] large hogs together

30 Dollars due from me to others, none to me

3 head of sheep 2 pewter dishes, 13 pewter plates 6 delf ones

6 knives and forks a plough hoe and axe.

S/ Robert Scypeart



Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

S/ Wm Barnett, Clk

State of Tennessee

At a Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions begun and holden in and for the County of Wayne at the Court House in said County on the fourth Monday in September being the 24th day of said month 1827 and which Court was continued and holden on the 26th day of said Month.

Present: William P. Ross, Henry Rayburn and William P. Poag Esquires Justices presiding. They came the following Record was made (to wit)

State of Tennessee, Wayne County

Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions September Term 1827.

On this 26th day of September 1827 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for said County Robert Scypeart aged Seventy one years last September and a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the United States Army in the Revolutionary War as follows "that is to say" he enlisted under Lieutenant John Madearis [sic, John Medaris] of the third Regiment of Infantry of the North Carolina line Commanded by Colonel J. Sumner, that he enlisted as above on the 15th day of May 1776 at Chatham Court House in the State of North Carolina for the term of two years and six months, that continued to serve in Captain James Emmet's Company in said Regiment until discharged at New Windsor at a place then called the Continental Ferry on the North River some time about the last day of October 1778, the balance of the two years and six months was allowed him as well as other troops to go to their respective homes. He this deponent having served two years five months & ½ month, that he afterwards went to a place called Ball Head in North Carolina to draw the bounty allowed the Continental Soldiers in lands and that in order to draw his lot of land allowed him for his services aforesaid, his discharge was required as a matter of the evidence and he there deposited his discharge and has never heard from or seen it since, that he was in the battle at Brandywine in Pennsylvania, at Germantown near Philadelphia at Monmouth in the Jerseys and several others of small consequence that he has no other testimony now in his power by which he can prove his service aforesaid excepting his own oath but he hopes to be able to procure the testimony of John Madearis who knows of his services and who lives in this State on Locke Creek in Bedford County, that his family consists of himself aged 71 and his wife aged 67 years and one grand Child a boy aged about 16 years and whose raising and maintenance has descended upon this affiant by the means of the misfortune of the parents of said boy.

That he is a Farmer by occupation and profession, that he is infirm and unable to support himself by labor or any other means, that his Wife named Isabel is aged and quite infirm and the boy above mentioned will in all probability shortly leave his family, that the reason why the application for a Pension is made at this time is because this affiant believed he was barred from receiving a pension by a former application which was refused either because informally made or for some other cause unknown to this affiant, that at the time this affiant made said former application he was possessed of some property perhaps enough to afford him a tolerable support, which may be the reason of said former application being refused, this affiant has from misfortune and by paying some debts which he had before contracted, consumed the whole of his little effects so that at present he has not the means of an ordinary support without assistance, that he has disposed of none of his property or effects since the 18th day of March in the year 1818 except to buy provisions for his family or to pay some past debt contracted before and that I have not since that time sale or any other way disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish the same as to bring myself within the provisions of

the act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during 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/ Robert Seypeart

Schedule

One Cow and Calf	\$10.00
3 two Year old Heifers worth \$6 each	18.00
9 Head of Hogs worth \$11	11.00
1 Iron Kettle \$1.50	1.50
1 old pot without Legs 37 ½	.37 ½
1 small Dinner pot broken 25	.25
9 pewter plates worth	3.00
3 Earthen plates	.37 ½
1 pewter dish worth	1.30
5 Iron spoons	37 ½
1 Bed & furniture	20.00
1 Plough worth	6.00
1 pr. Hames traces & 1 Collar	2.00
1 Jar & 2 Crocks worth	4.00
1 Pitcher	<u>1.00</u>
	\$70.37 ½

S/ Robert Seypeart

That property which I own & which I mentioned in a petition Sworn to in the County Court of Wayne County Tennessee at the September Term thereof 1820 and which is not inserted in this petition has been disposed of in the following manner: the 40 acres of Land Warrant I procured a part to be laid on Land to the amount of 28 acres, the balance of the Warrant is to me entirely lost, and the benefit thereof never has nor never can be enjoyed by me, the 28 acres which I saved of the warrant was located on that much land and a title perfected to the same, that before that time I had become the Security [sic, surety] for one William Hudgins and was afterwards sued as such Security, and forced to pay about \$65 which I raised by a mortgage on the said 28 acres of land and eventually the said land has been entirely consumed to pay the said Security as aforesaid, the four head of Horse beasts so inventoried the two mares are dead and left their colts which were of little or no value so I traded them away for a trifle to rid myself of the trouble of raising them. I do not now recollect to whom I sold them or what I got for them as it has been a long time since, the cattle such as Cows Calves and young cattle, I have disposed of none but have by bad luck lost by them dying or straying all those first mentioned excepting such as herein inventoried.

The hogs inventoried in the first Inventory and their increase for some time were sold to pay a debt for which I was Security to William Hudgins and which I was forced to pay, and the hogs here inventoried are some I have acquired since that sale, as it regards the sheep inventoried in the first Inventory they were also sold by execution to pay a part of the same Security debt, as it regards the dishes & plates, knives, forks and other table and kitchen furniture I cannot recollect what has become of it all I know is that I have no more than is contained in the above Schedule nor do I now recollect how I paid the debt of \$20 mentioned in the first Inventory.

S/ Robert Seypeart

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Robert Sypress a

Sergeant in Captain Emmett's Company of the third Regiment which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner enlisted on the 15th day of May 1776, for two and one half years and that he was discharged in October 1778.

Given under my hand this 20th day of March 1827.

S/ Wm Hill

I have not a doubt but the person named Robert Sypress on the rolls is the same person called Robert Seypeart in his Declaration.

S/ Wm Hill

[Note in the file indicates that Robert Seypeart was born on September 5, 1755]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 5, 1828, for 2 1/2 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]