

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Seagraves S39067

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State of Tennessee Maury County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term 1822

On the 22nd day of April 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record proceeding according to the course of common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of their proceedings for the County of Maury and State of Tennessee aforesaid, Jacob Seagraves aged about fifty-nine years, resident in the said County of Maury and State of Tennessee, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth depose and on his oath declare and make the following statement of facts in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Jacob Seagraves served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit, that he enlisted in the County of Granville North Carolina as a soldier in the North Carolina line, sometime in the month of \_\_ 1778. That he was at the time of enlisting between the ages of 15 & 16 years, that he belonged to Captain Joseph Rhodes Company, which belonged to Colonel Dickson's [sic, Henry Dixon's] Regiment; which was under the command of General Nathanael Greene— that he served about two years and a half, and that he never has received a pension – that he was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina and in a number of other skirmishes in the State of South Carolina.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Schedule of Property, wearing apparel and that he does not own one single article of personal or real property upon Earth. That all he owns upon Earth is his wearing apparel. That he lives altogether upon the kindness and benevolence of his poor relations who are ill able to support him – that he is by occupation when able to labor any a farmer, that he is aged and very infirm and is not able to labor any of consequence, not enough to support nature and his family: that his family consist of himself and his second wife, aged about 40 years, that she is much afflicted

with disease and is not able to labor any, and eight children – to wit, a son named Wm [William] Seagraves aged about 15 years, a daughter named Jincy aged about 14 years – a son named Jourdan aged about 12 years – a son named Henry aged about 11 years – a daughter named Polly aged about 9 years – a son named Andrew Jackson aged about 7 years – a daughter named Melinda aged about 4 years and a son named John aged about 18 months – that my family as described above our so helpless that they are incapable of supporting themselves.

S/ Jacob Seagraves, X his mark

[fn p. 7: on October 11, 1828 in Clinton County Illinois, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit saying that he had moved from Tennessee to Illinois because his children were living in the state of Illinois and he went with them.]

[fact in file: the veteran died June 7th, 1835: in 1851 Melinda Seagraves was the wife of John L Dorsey and living in Alton, Illinois.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 22, 1822, for 2 1/2 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]