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Pension Application of Joseph Seay S7472

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State of Virginia                    }  
Campbell County Ss.    }            On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the County Court of Campbell County now sitting, Joseph Seay, a resident of the said County and State, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1833 [sic: 1832], in relation to the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war. On his oath he saith that he was called out and entered the service as a private in the Militia of King William County va. in the year [blank] under Capt. Richard Dabney, and marched to Williamsburg, where we remained but a short time; he does not recollect any other officers names and this being in the early part of that war but few men were then at Williamsburg: this tour was but two weeks. His next tour was under the same Captain; marched to a place called Holts forge, and to Williamsburg; this tour was two months. His next tour was under the same Captain, and marched to Mobbin hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], joined the army; recollects Genl. Layfayette [sic: Lafayette, latter half of July 1781]; and this tour was two months. His next tour was under the same Capt. and marched through the country, from place to place, in New Kent, and other adjoining counties; didn't stay long in a place; but came up to Richmond – this tour was two months at least. His next tour was as a private in the Militia of said County, under Capt. Terry, and marched to various places, and at length to little York; and below; that before Corn Wallis was there; the same year; for when I got home, the men who went after me were at the siege; and staid till Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] – this tour was three months. He thus served in all nine months and two weeks. His memory is impaired; and he don't recollect many names; but he recollects having served five tours as he has stated. He has lost his discharge, if he ever had any; he does not know of any living witness, who can testify as to said services; that he has no written evidence whatever. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension, or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforsaid.                    [signed] Joseph Seay.

Questions by the Court.

1<sup>st</sup>. Where, and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born and resided in King William County virginia, but I don't know what year; the way I come at my age is this, I was married at 18 year old; and that time is put down a book at home, it was 1772.

2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Ans. I have none: but I have put down the ages of my children – and my marriage.

3<sup>d</sup>. Where were you living when called into the service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war; and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in King William, from the time I was born 'till some time after that war; and about 6 or 7 year after the war was over, I removed to Campbell County, where I now live, and have lived ever since.

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute; and if so for whom?

Ans. I was called out in my turn, and served in my own turn only. was not a substitute, nor did I volunteer; nor was I drafted, but on my turn.

5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. My memory fails me. I don't recollect any but my Capt. and the Marquis Lafayette I recolect Genl. [Edward] Stevens and Genl. Steuben. I cant say anymore about my service than what is put down in my declaration. I recollect Major [George] Stubblefield.

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Ans. I don't recollect. I believe I had a discharge, but if so, it is lost.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity; and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. Joseph Callaway, Abraham W Wimbush; Lewis G. Poindexter, Thomas A. Cobbs and others.