

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Sease S9475

PA

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State of Virginia }
County of Harrison }

On the 18th day of Augt. 1833 personally appeared before me Joseph Johnson one of the commonwealth Justices for the County aforesaid Michael Sease aged 69 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 June 7th 1832

That he was born in the County of Lancaster Pa that he removed with his parents to the County of Westmoreland in said State where he resided during the revolutionary war. That on the first of Aprile 1782 He volunteered his services in a company commanded by Ensign James Gagely rendezvoused at Col. Campbell in the aforesaid County Marched from thence to a Block House on Crooked Creek now Indiana County Thence to Barrs Fort on Conemaugh River was employed in scouting on said river and the adjoining Country for the term of six months, was discharged by Col. Campbell which discharge has since been lost or mislaid. In march 1783 He volunteered in a company Commanded by Capt Hugh Martin marched to Greens Block House from thence to barrs Fort was employed as before in scouting and guarding the Fortier Settlements from the depredations of the Hostile Savages was discharged in writing by Majr Craig at the expiration of two months which discharge has also been lost. He further states that in boath the above mentiond tours he served as a private in an embodied Corps Commanded by officers duly Commisioned and that he was not engaged in any civil pursuit during said service that he has no record of his age but understands that he was born in the year 1764 from Westmoreland He removed to Harrison County Virginia where he now resides. He has no documentary evidence nor know of know living witness by whom he can prove the above servises. He is acquainted with Thomas Knolls, Anderson Corbin, and Benj. Brice Esqr residing in his neighborhood to whom reference may be had He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 Michael hisXmark Sease
[Certified by Hamilton Goss and William Martin.

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. On this report Singleton wrote "Fraud" but then crossed it out.]

Michael Sease, draws \$26 ⁶⁶/₁₀₀

On the 17th of July 1834, Mr Sease gave the following narative – he is somewhere about 68 years old and a native of Pensylvania – and sixteen years old he thinks in the year 1782. in the spring of that year a draft was ordered for Militia from Westmorelan County Pen (cant tell how long the Militia this draft were called into service) to go out and scout and keep guard on the Frontier against Invasions from the Indians – that a parcel of young men volenteered for the purpose of superseding the draft – out of the company to which he belonged, six includeing himself thus volunteered. other makeing in all about twenty five men turned out of other companies in Westmorelan – that 25 men were under the command of Ensign James Cageley. they had no captain or Lieutenant – they remained in the county of West Morelan, and scouted about in parties of 5 or 6 together, they were some times at Browns Fort and at Calanson[?] was in this [illegible word] some six months – in the Spring of 1783 he served a nother term of two months under the same Ensign at the same place, and done the same kind of service – he states further that he met with Squire Winters and detailed to him his service. Winters told him that he was not entitled to a Pension and that afterwards Col Joseph Johnson asked him why he did not apply for a pension – he replied that Squire Winters had [illegible word] him that he was not entitled to one. –

Johnson in reply said Winters knew nothing about it and that he was entitled to a Pension – and thereupon Johnson wrote his declaration and retained \$17 out of the money drawn.

In testimony that the forgoing statement is true he hereto subscribes his name. July, 17 1834
Witness/ Nathan Goff Michael hisXmark Sease

Note every word false, except the conversation related as haveing passed between Sease
Johnson & himself. W. G Singleton/ Nov 19, 1834

Pension Office/ Dec 19 1840

Sir [John Carr, House of Representatives] The claim of Michael Seas and Jno Hogg were originally present from the State of Virginia the former was allowed, but subsequently, to wit: on the 10th of March 1835, his name was stricken from the pension roll, his service not having been of a military character, such as was contemplated by the law. [See endnote.]

John Hogg in his declaration [not found] claimed for two tours of duty only, amounting to 5 mo & 6 days [the minimum for a pension being six months]. His claim was therefor rejected. He afterwards made a new declaration in which he claimed for an addition tour of service But as no proof was produced in support of it his claim was still disallowed. I return herewith the papers left by you appertaining to these claims

I have the honor/ GC [George Crump, acting Pension Commissioner]

NOTES:

In fact the pension act of 1832 and the regulations for administering it clearly state that they provide for Indian Spies. For further discussion see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.

On 28 Oct 1851 in Westmoreland County PA Rebecca Sease assigned power of attorney to obtain any pension money still due to her husband, Michael Seas, who died on 23 July 1843. Jacob Seese (as he signed) of Westmoreland County PA made a supporting statement.

On an application for bounty land dated 8 April 1860 Rebecca Seas, 81, stated that her late husband, Michael Seas, was a Revolutionary pensioner and had also served in the War of 1812 in the militia company of Capt. Joseph Johnson in Col. Street's regiment, and probably also in the company of Capt. Gabriel T. Wilkinson. She stated that as Rebecca Miller she married Michael Seas on 24 Feb 1808, and he died in Jackson County VA on 23 June 1842. Her claim was certified by Jeremiah Sees (as he signed), 56, son of Michael Seas and stepson of Rebecca Seas. On 30 April 1860 Rebecca Seas applied for a pension.