

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham (Abram) Peavy W10880

Lydia Peavy

f66NC

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State of Alabama Butler County: County Court 13th of August 1832

On this day 13th of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James Lane Judge of said court now sitting Abram Peavy a resident of said County aged 67 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was born the 8th of May in the year 1865 in Orange County North Carolina there is where [he] volunteered in the year 79 or about that time under Captain Ned Guinn [Edward Gwinn] and Lieutenant William Guinn [William Gwinn] – Major Gholson, Colonel O'Neal [William O'Neal] and General John Butler. He was accepted by the Captain aforesaid in the place or as a substitute for his father -- and served for more than two years and when he was not in active service he was kept as a guard at the public Store House near Colonel O'Neal's in the said County -- he cannot recollect the exact time he was in service. His first march was down to Cox's mills in Chatham County North Carolina in search of Colonel Fanin [sic, David Fanning] and his party Colonel O'Neal commanded that march gone several weeks & returned to Orange. He was [in] a number of skirmishes of slight character which he thinks it would be unnecessary to relate and he was discharged sometime after Wallace [sic, Lord Cornwallis] was taken [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] not until the Tories all had ceased by Captain Guinn at the same County. He has no written evidence of his services or discharge. He is known in his neighborhood said Nathan Cook, James Miller and a number of persons and Mr. John Seals [could be Seals or Scale]¹ is personally acquainted with much of my services.

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 any State.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

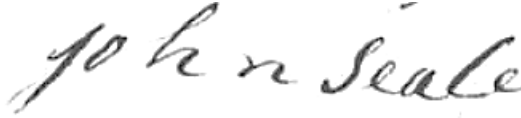
S/ Abram Peavy, X his mark

I John Seals being duly sworn in open Court do hereby as testify that I knew the said Abram Peavy -- while in the service & was with him a part of the time -- that I knew him to be in the service for most of the time he states and knew his officers -- having different times [served] together --

¹ I looked to see if I could find anyone with any of these or any similar names as an applicant for a federal pension and was unsuccessful.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

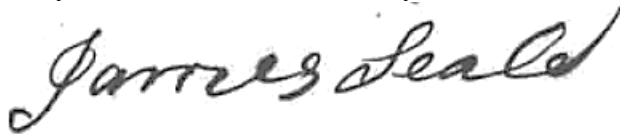
S/ John Seale

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Seale".

[James Miller, a clergyman, and Nathan Cook gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 17: On June 21, 1839 in Butler County Alabama, Lydia Peavy, aged 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Abraham Peavy; that she married him in September 1784 and that he died August 15, 1837 and she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 18: James Seale gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Abraham Peavy and Lydia Seale. James also gave another affidavit in which he states he is the brother of Lydia Seale Peavy, widow of Abraham Peavy.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Seale".

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[Facts in file: The widow died October 13 1845 leaving 8 children, namely Nancy Hutcherson [sic, could be Nancy Hutchinson], Vicy Arnold, Eli, Daniel, Hilvey [Helvy, Heloy], McHail, Hyram [Hiram] and Thomas Peavy.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1843 and ending October 13, 1845 she died.]