

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Austin Seay W19341

Elizabeth

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State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

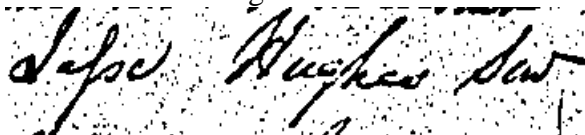
On this 24th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of Fluvanna County now sitting Austin Seay a resident of said County & State aged seventy-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born and raised in the County of Fluvanna then Albemarle, that in the year 1775 he volunteered as a private soldier in a Company of militia commanded by Captain William Henry, that the Company met at Albemarle Court House, and marched from thence to Williamsburg, from thence to York & to Hampton, from Hampton returned to Williamsburg and was there discharged having served two months. That in the spring of 1776 he entered as a private in the minute service in a company commanded by Captain Roger Thompson lieutenants George Thompson & James Marks in a Regiment commanded by Colonels Meredith and Dabney, that the detachment marched to Williamsburg and from thence to Burrills Ferry where we remained until October of the same year, the detachment was then ordered to the Holston [River] against the Indians but in the march sometime in November I believe I was taken sick and furloughed, after the return of the Regiment in the spring 1777 I was paid for 1 years Service, with the rest of the Troops, by Captain Thompson and discharged, we had enlisted for one-year. Was called out again as a private in a Company of militia commanded by Captain Anthony Haden, Lieutenant Joseph Mayo in \_\_marched to Morven Hills [Malvern Hills] below Richmond, from thence to Williamsburg and then marched to various points in the lower part of the State of Virginia watching the movements of the enemy, discharged after having served two months as a private, was called out again as a private in a company of militia Commanded by Captain Daniel Tilghman [Daniel Tilman?], marched below Richmond and was transferred to a company commanded by Captain Miller in which Company I acted as a Sergeant in place of Sergeant Brooker who was furloughed, that I was in service this Tour two months, and was discharged, on my return home I was immediately called into service as a private in a Company of militia commanded by Captain Richard Napier in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Matthews the whole under the command of General Lafayette, that we marched to Richmond from thence through the Counties of Hanover, Louisa & Orange, crossed Rapidan River at Raccoon Ford, that we there met General Wayne who was advancing from the North, that after the junction of the two bodies of Troops we returned through the County of Fluvanna and follow the enemy who were then retreating to York, crossed York River at the Brick House being then in the service as a private in a detachment of Troops under the Command of Colonel Taylor and Major Campbell, that I continued in service until after the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] or until about the 1 November 1781, These two Tours of duty were in 1781 & I served in the one two

months and the other five months, making the whole of his services during the Revolutionary War one year and ten months, that in every Term which he served the Troops were called into service by the regular authorities of the State. That this applicant has been living in the County of Fluvanna all his life, that he did not preserve any of the discharges which were given by his officers, not considering them of any value, that affidavits of Jesse Hughes,<sup>1</sup> Thomas Shores,<sup>2</sup> John Bashaw,<sup>3</sup> & Pearce W. Melton<sup>4</sup> herein written who were in service with him & will prove the foregoing statements. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension other than the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Austin Seay, X his mark

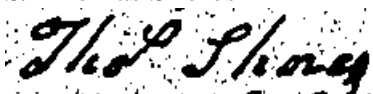
State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit. This day Jesse Hughes of good character personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he enlisted in the minute service in the year 1776, that Austin Seay of the County aforesaid enlisted at the same time as a private, that they both served in a company commanded by Roger Thompson, that the said Seay enlisted for one-year but he cannot say that said Seay served the full tour, as this affiant enlisted in the Continental service before the expiration of that time, and left said company. That said Seay is a man of strict veracity and I do believe the services mentioned by him in the foregoing declaration were served.

S/ Jesse Hughes Senr.



Fluvanna County to wit, The affidavit of Thomas Shores a credible person personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was in service with Austin Seay who has signed the foregoing declaration, in a Company of Volunteers commanded by Captain William Henry in the year 1775, that they were both privates in said Company: that they marched to Williamsburg, but the length of time they served he does not distinctly recollect (the said Seay is now present & is the same man) but not less than one month.

S/ Thomas Shores



Fluvanna County to wit, Pierce W. Melton this day made oath before me John Winn a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that in the spring of 1781 Austin Seay marched from this County in a company of Virginia militia under the Command of Captain Daniel Tilghman, that they marched below Richmond where the said Seay was transferred to a Company commanded by Captain Miller, the said Melton is of opinion that they were not more than 2 weeks together under Captain Tilghman but has reason to believe that the said Seay served out a full Term of duty as he has known him ever since.

S/ Pearce W. Melton

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<sup>1</sup> [Jesse Hughes S9594](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Shores W6021](#)

<sup>3</sup> [John Bashaw S37706](#)

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*Peace W Mellow*

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Fluvanna County to wit John Bashaw a man of good character this day personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that in the summer of 1781 (as well as he recollects) Austin Seay marched from this County and a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Richard Napier to the lower part of the State of Virginia after serving some time in said Captain Napier's Company with said Austin Seay this affiant was transferred to the wagon master's Department and left said Company, consequently cannot say how long the said Seay served therein, but from his knowledge of him, thinks the statement contained in the foregoing declaration entitled to credit.

Sworn this 21st day of June 1833 before me John Winn

S/ John Bashaw

*Statement  
John Bashaw*

[Walker Timberlake, a clergyman, and John W Cook Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 11: On October 4, 1841 in Fluvanna County Virginia, Mrs. Elizabeth Seay, about 86 or 7 years old, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Austin Seay; that she married her husband in what is now Fluvanna County but was then either a part of Goochland or Albemarle County about the year 1780; that her husband died February one, 1836; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark]

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Elizabeth Weaver; she died about January one, 1844; the eldest son of the veteran and his widow, Benjamin Seay, was about 55 years old in 1841; the names of the other children are not stated in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$83.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia militia; 22 months service as a private and 2 months service as a Sergeant. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]