

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Seawright W22179

Mary

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State of South Carolina Anderson District: SS

On this the 6th day of April 1846 personally appeared before William Magee the Judge of the Court of ordinary for Anderson District Mrs. Mary Seawright aged seventy-six years past a resident of the State and district aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of William Seawright who was a private in the war of the Revolution, Entered the service in South Carolina Abbeville District But she does not know at what time or date as they were not then married but she recollects to have heard her said husband often speak of being in several engagements during of his service which to the best of her recollection was some 2 or 3 years, that he was in service but the places she does not recollect nor the officers he served under she does not recollect.

She further states that she was married to the above William Seawright on the 21st of February 1787 and the marriage ceremony was solemnize by a Presbyterian Minister by the name of Hall, as may more fully appear by the affidavits of other persons who were present at the time it was performed – and that she did lived with the said William Seawright as his wife from the above date until the day of his death which took place at his residence in Anderson District South Carolina the 26th of December 1838. That she was not married to him prior to his last service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

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

S/ W. Magee, Judge

S/ Mary Seawright, X her mark

State of South Carolina District of Anderson: SS

On this first day of February 1847 personally appeared before Herbert Hammond, Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District in State aforesaid, Mrs. Mary Seawright (widow of William Seawright) a resident of the same District and State, aged 77 years (who I certify it is unable by bodily infirmity to attend in open court) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain for her own benefit, the amount of Pension due to her said husband William Seawright deceased from the 4th day of March 1831 to the 4th day of March 1836, the time of the commencement of her Pension, to which he was entitled under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That she is the widow of the above named William Seawright deceased who was a private in the militia of South Carolina during the War of the Revolution, for the particulars & proof of which reference is made to her Declaration heretofore made, and the proof there with submitted, all the facts of

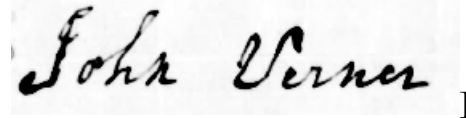
which are admitted by the granting of Pension certificates to her dated 2nd January 1847, under the acts of 1838 3rd March 1843 & 17th of June 1844.

That her said husband did not during his lifetime received any Pension or annuity, either from any State or the United States.

S/ Mary Seawright X her Mark

[fn p. 19: certificate dated April 30, 1846 from the South Carolina Comptroller General listing the indents paid to a Mister William Seawright for militia service and provisions provided during the revolution.]

[fn p. 29: John Verner¹ of Pickens district South Carolina gave an affidavit dated August 12, 1846 in which he states, among other things, that "Deponent further states that in 1782 or 3 he was on a scout in company with William Seawright after some very troublesome Tories and they killed 2 of them they being near the last of them that was so particularly troublesome."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Verner". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Verner".

[fn p. 32: On April 6, 1846 in Abbeville district South Carolina, Jane Cowen gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of William Seawright to Mary Steavason [Mary Stevenson or Stephenson?].]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months & 10 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for the same amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]

¹ FPA S7793