

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Seaman (Seamen) W4583 Ann f61VA
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[f p. 52]

The State of Ohio

Personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Henry Seaman of Green County in said State who being duly sworn states, that in the fall of the year 1777 being twenty years of age, he volunteered his services, as a private in the militia, against the common enemy, and continued to serve on various expeditions against the Indians as a militia man until about two years before the close of the Revolutionary War, at which time he enlisted at Bedford Pennsylvania in the regular service, by attaching himself to a company of Rangers under the command of Captain Boyd, he thinks, though he is not certain, that his 1st name was Samuel. Isaac Johnson was Lieutenant and Hugh Means Ensign of this company. The enlistment was for "during the War."

The affiant states that he continued faithfully to serve as a Ranger or spy in the above company on the frontiers of Pennsylvania against the Indians, until the close of the War – that he was regularly discharged sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. The Captain of the company was taken prisoner by the Indians after which the company was commanded by the Lieutenant. William Ward was 1st Sergeant in said Company, – ___ Price 2nd Robert Atkins 3rd William Allison corporal. Privates recollected, Daniel Bates, Stephen Good [?], Abraham Badel, James Frazier, Like Curtis, Henry Dugan, Horace Jones, __ Galloway, James Hall, Samuel Sampson, John Whitaker, Geroge Shannon, Joshua Burton, Richard Cash [?]. The Affiant states, that the above service was extremely hazardous and Sevier. That he never joined a Regiment and does not know that the Company was attached to any. He received his discharge at the close of the War, but has long since lost it, with another valuable paper at the same time. He does not know that any of the officers or privates of the above company except himself are now living by which he can prove his services, as above stated. That he is unable to perform manual labor, by the infirmities of years and bodily injuries, and that his condition, as to property, is moderate. He therefore prays the benefit of the law lately passed giving pensions to certain persons who served until the close of the revolutionary war.

Sworn and subscribed this 24th of April 1829

S/ John McLean

S/ Henry Seaman





The State of Ohio Greene County Court of Common Pleas of the Term of September in the year
of our Lord 1832
Green County SS

Personally appeared in open court at the above Term before the Judges of the Court aforesaid and on the 17th day of September in the year while Lord 1832 Henry Seaman a resident of Lucas Creek Township in Greene County aforesaid aged seventy-four years on the 8th [?] day of December last who being first duly sworn according to law depose and under oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832. He states that he entered the service of the United States in the month of September 1777 as a volunteer for a tour of six months duty as a private soldier under the following officers. The name of the Captain was John Baldwin, 1st Lieutenant John Trig [John Trigg?] – 2nd Lieutenant David Price – Ensign Reese [indecipherable last name could be "Hasten"]. This company was raised in the company of Berkeley and State of Virginia and at the time he joined the company he lived about 7 miles from Martinsburg in said County of Berkeley. They marched under the above officers from Berkeley County until within a few miles of Pittsburgh and from there joined by a company under the command of Captain Radikan [?] from Loudoun County Virginia & these two companies marched together to Pittsburgh and were there placed under the command of General Hand. He had been but a short time in Pittsburgh when this applicant under the command of General Hand and with a force of about 600 men marched to Wheeling on the Ohio [River] – a part of the men with this applicant went by water and the balance by land. He states that he was stationed at a place called the beach bottom Fort [Beech Bottom Fort] a few miles above Wheeling on the Ohio. He was engaged in several scouting parties in search of Indians but was in no battle with them. He remained there during the winter and in the spring at the expiration of his time he was marched back to Berkeley County Virginia under the command of Lieutenant Trig and was there discharged. In the spring of 1779 he states that he was again enlisted or hired as it was then called by Lieutenant Colonel James Martin for a term of seven months Service at the time he entered into this service he resided in the County of Bedford Pennsylvania on a Creek called Brushcreek [Brush Creek?] about 20 miles from the town of Bedford. He marched from Bedford County under Captain John Moore and Lieutenant Thomas McCaul to a place called Frankstown settlement about 5 miles from the Warrior Path [Warrior Path] Gap he was employed in keeping garrison and spying on Indians. There was no other soldiers there except the company of Captain Moore & he was the officer highest in command. The Company was sent there as a security to the settlement. He was in no battle and at the expiration of the seven months he marched back under the command of Captain Moore to Bedford and was there discharged.

He states that in the latter part of the Summer of 1780 he again entered the service of the United States and enlisted or was hired by Colonel Robert Culbertson of Bedford for a term of eighteen months service. He states that at this time he lived in Bedford County on Brushcreek aforesaid and marched out from Bedford to Frankstown settlement. He remained at Frankstown block house about two weeks when Captain Boyd started out with a part of his company on a scouting party and was met by the Indians at Warrior Path Gap and his party defeated and himself [Capt. Boyd] taken prisoner and the Ensign means [sic] was wounded in the wrist there was a number of men killed in the skirmish Gideon Reed, Joseph Skinner, James Henry, James

Dunlap. There was several persons taken prisoner by the name of Samuel Moore, Henry Dugan, Horace Jones and 2 or 3 more whose names he does not recollect. Shortly after this defeat the balance of the company returned back to Bedford under the command of Lieutenant Johnson and remained there for some time. About the month of October 1780 this applicant enlisted under Lieutenant Johnson in Bedford as a soldier during the war – And marched to a place called Fort Littleton and was received on the 3rd day of January 1781 by General Ashman. He enlisted with an understanding that he was to be employed as an Indian spy. He remained at Bedford during the winter and in April 1781 marched under Lieutenant Johnson to Frankstown and remained stationed there as their headquarters and perform scouts in the adjoining country until about August 1781 when Lieutenant Johnson then marched his men into Bedford. About 100 Militia then placed themselves under the command of Lieutenant Johnson and shortly afterwards marched out to a place called Clark's Gap and there [indecipherable word or words] the Allegheny mountains and marched on to the waters of the Caughemough Creek and crossed it and marched on to a Creek called Chip Creek and from that on to the waters of the Susquehanna to a Creek called Clearfield Creek and from thence on to the Warrior Passed Gap and to Frankstown Fort. And there the militia marched off and returned home. Lieutenant Johnson remained at Frankstown until the cold weather said in and then marched to Bedford to winter.

This applicant was on this expedition but they encountered no enemy that this applicant was not in the battle at which Captain Boyd was taken prisoner but was lame and unable to travel. Lieutenant Johnson & this applicant under his command remained at Bedford performing occasional scouts through the country until about August 1782 when he was discharged by Lieutenant Johnson – During this last service the officer highest in command was Lieutenant Johnson and the only officer (except there sergeants) was Ensign Means – this applicant states that he received a written discharge for each of the above Terms of service but that he has lost them all. He also received a land certificate which certificate Captain Thomas Buck of Bedford County Pennsylvania offered him a horse. He was born within about one half mile from Stony Point in the State of New York in the neighborhood of Haverstraw. This applicant after his discharge moved to a place called Bucklestown in Berkeley County Virginia & lived there about fourteen years & moved from there to the State of Ohio in 1796 or in the North Western Territory in 1796 – and settled at a place now called Waynesville in Warren County and lived there about 14 or 15 years and from that place moved about 4 miles to the place where he now lives in Green County.

He further this says that he can prove by Amos Thatcher¹ who he is informed lives in or near the line of the State of Indiana about 50 miles from this place. Thatcher is an old man and it is but a short time since he heard from him and was not since he heard where he lived had time to obtain his evidence or to learn certainly where he lives he could prove by Thatcher the performance of the seven months Tour above named as said Thatcher served in the same company with myself = I could also prove by Aujarious [?] Baldwin the performance of the six-month tour as he served in the same company with me and his Brother was our Captain Benjamin Baldwin lives in Warren County about 30 or 35 [miles] from this place but this applicant has not had time to obtain his evidence since he 1st understood that it would be important in this application. He believes he could prove by any of his neighbors that he this applicant is a man of truth. He further states that he has a record of his age & he was born in 1757 in December the 8th and he can prove as he believes by William Buckels & Joshua Carmen that he is a man of good character & that he is reputed to have been a soldier of the Revolution.

¹ FPA W9854

S/ Henry Seaman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Seaman", written in dark ink on a light background.

And the said Henry Seaman hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and under oath declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. He once made application through the Honorable Judge McLean but he was not successful in that application which was made about the year 1830.

S/ Henry Seaman

[Joshua common, a clergyman, and William Buckles gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 12: Of September 4, 1845 in Green County Ohio, Ann Seaman, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Seaman, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum; that her husband died January 19, 1838 in the County of Green, Ohio; that she was married to him February 20, 1788 in Berkeley County Virginia. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 2 years. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]