

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Seay W8038

Sally (Sarah)

f51VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia – Hanover County to with

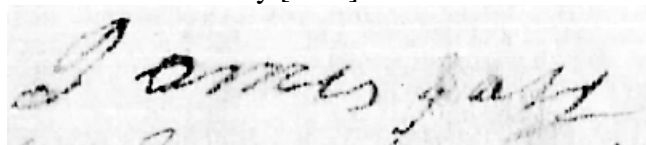
On this 24th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Genet Anderson a Justice of the Peace for said County & State aforesaid James Seay a resident of said County aged seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he was born near Charles Tirrel's Tavern [Charles Terrell's Tavern] in the upper part of Hanover about twenty-seven miles from Hanover Court House on the 28th day of February in the year 1761 according to family register there being a record of his age – that he was drafted & called into the service of the United States in the year 1779 under Captain John Thompson and marched from Hanover Court House through New Kent, Charles City & James City [counties] to the Town of Williamsburg and there joined the Army commanded by General Thomas Nelson and was there stationed six weeks or upwards and then marched to York Town from thence to a place called Rich-neck in Warwick [County] thence to Washing [?] & there discharged. He served in this tour two months. He was called out on the 1st of January 1780 under Captain Edward Bullock & marched from Hanover through Henrico and crossed the James River at Westham into Chesterfield and thence to a place called Shirley Hundred on said River & crossed the River into Charles City, thence by Charles City Court House thence to Holt's Forge and was stationed at their a while we then started to Williamsburg but before reaching there we were ordered back to Holt's Forge thence to Sandy Point and there crossed the James River and marched to Cabin Point and was there stationed some time and there discharged. He served in this tour two months. He was called out again in the year 1780 under Captain Edward Bullock and marched from Hanover, through Henrico, Charles City to the Maubin Hills [Malvern Hills] on James River & was stationed there a while, thence to the County of Isle of Wight and back again up the said River near the City of Richmond to a place called four mile Creek and was there discharged. He served in this tour two months. He went into the service again the 1st of May 1781 under Captain Hord as a volunteer and joined the Marquis de Lafayette's Army at the wilderness Run in Spotsylvania and we marched from thence over the Rapidan River into Culpeper [County] thence on towards Culpeper Court House we then returned & crossed the Rapidan at the Raccoon Ford into Orange where we were stationed a while from thence to Brock's bridge, thence to a place called Page's Mill at which place General Wayne joined us with his Army, thence into Albemarle [County] we then received orders to advance upon the British Army commanded by Cornwallis who retreated down the James River we still following them down the River we then marched through Fluvanna, Goochland and Hanover [counties] & stopped at a place called Dandridge's old field where we were stationed a while thence through Henrico & New Kent to New Kent Court House thence to a place called Beaver dam, thence to a

place called dunking Springs not far from Williamsburg we were stationed several days and then discharged. He served in this tour three months – & was called out again in the month of July 1782 and marched from Hanover under Captain David Davenport through New Kent, Charles City, James City to Your Town for the purpose of removing the cannon and balls which we had taken of the enemy at the siege of York from the forts and putting them on board our vessels – and was there discharged after serving a tour of two months. He states that he served during the revolution eleven months in all that he has no written discharge or documentary evidence but can prove a part of his services by William Hall<sup>1</sup> and James Hall<sup>2</sup> but knows of no other person by whom he can prove any other part of them, he refers to Captain Charles Thompson and Charles Terrell as persons living in his neighborhood who can testify to his character and their belief of his being a soldier of the revolution. That he has lived since the revolution in the said County of Hanover & now resides in the same –

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 or territory whatever. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Say [sic ?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Say". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

I William Hall a resident of Hanover hereby depose on oath that I am well acquainted with the above mentioned James Seay – that he served a tour of duty with this deponent under Captain John Thompson in the year 1779 & marched from Hanover to Williamsburg & was there discharged. He served in this tour two months. He served another tour under Captain Edward Locke in the year 1780 and marched from Hanover to Cabin Point and was there discharged. He served in this tour two months. He was called out again in the year 1781 under Captain Hord and was in the Marquis de Lafayette's Army and marched to a place called the Drinking Spring not far from Williamsburg and was there discharged. He served in this tour three months. He was called again in the year 1782 under Captain Davenport & marched from Hanover to York town and was there discharged he served in this tour two months.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Hall, X his mark

I James Hall a resident of Louisa County hereby depose on oath that I am well acquainted with James Seay, that he served a tour of duty under Captain Bullock in the year 1780 & marched to Cabin Point and was there discharged – the said Seay served two months. He was called out again in the year 1781 and was in Marquis de Lafayette's retreat and served a tour of duty of two months.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above mentioned.

S/ James Hall, X his mark

[Edward T. Rowzee, a clergyman, and Charles Terrell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [William Hall S5475](#)

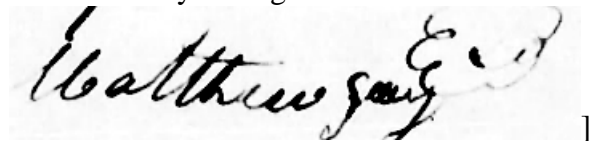
<sup>2</sup> [James Hall S6946](#)

[f p. 12: On August 30, 1843, in Hanover County Virginia, Sally Seay alias Sarah Seay a resident of Saint Martin's parish in said County, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1844 act stating that she is the widow of James Seay a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him December 26, 1792; that her husband died December 10th 1844. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 36: copy of a marriage bond issued in Hanover County Virginia to James Seay and John Rively December 24, 1792 conditioned upon the marriage of James Seay bachelor to Sarah Spicer spinster.]

[f p. 38: Affidavit signed by Sarah Seah [sic] stating that she is the widow of James Seah a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$36.66 per annum; that her husband died December 10, 1844 leaving her his widow and leaving the following named children: Woodson, Matthew, Calep, Eliza, Martha, John, and Sarah.]

[f p. 45: Affidavit and power of attorney dated August 16, 1852 in Hanover County from Matthew Seay stating that he is the son of the veteran.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Seay". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the mid-19th century. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[f p. 32]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 10th day of July 1783 in the name of James Seah as Sol. Inf. And evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £16.7.7 delivered to Captain Francis Graves but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
29th day of May 1853.

S/ G. N. Chitter  
Auditor P. Accts.

[No Seal of Office]

[f p. 5: on May 9, 1855 in Hanover County Virginia, Mrs. Sally Seay, 84, the widow of James Seay filed for her bounty land entitlement; she states she was married to her husband in Spotsylvania County Virginia; that her name prior to her marriage was Sally Spicer; that her husband died in 1843 or 1844 and was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum in commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia service.]