

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Seaton W8710

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Pulaski County Court Sct.: July Term 1818

The affidavit of Thomas Seton sworn to & filed. It is the opinion of the court that the said Affidavit is true in point of fact & it is ordered that the said Affidavit with the court's Opinion be copied & certified to the Secretary of the War Department which said affidavit reads in the words & figures following, to wit,
State of Kentucky Sct.

Be it remembered that on Monday the 27th day of July in the year 1818 Thomas Seaton with a view of being placed on the Pension List of the United States in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Congress of the United States entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary War" approved March 18th 1818, was sworn to and open Court where he upon his oath Stated. That he enlisted in the service aforesaid as a Continental Soldier in the month of December in the year 1776 in the town of Staunton (Virginia) in the company commanded by Captain John Simmes that the Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Stephenson & the Brigade by General George Weedon that his Enlistment was for the Term of three years, the whole of which Term he faithfully served against the common Enemy a part of the time in the active service in the field & by Balance as an invalid in garrison &c he having received a shot in his leg that he was honorably Discharged at the expiration of the Term aforesaid, but this Discharge was burnt in the house in which he lived, that he was in the Battle at Brandywine [September 11, 1781], & was there wounded as aforesaid, that he is now nearly sixty-five years Old, is very poor unable to labor & really requires the aid Contemplated by the act of Congress aforesaid.

Thomas Seaton, X [his mark]

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Pulaski County Court Sct: Fall Term 1820

The Schedule and affidavit of David Seaton an applicant for a pension and verified by his Oath, Signed and Ordered to be recorded, and the same follows in these words (to wit)
State of Kentucky 12th Judicial District Sct:

On the thirty first day of October A.D. 1820 In Open Court before the Circuit Court for the County of Pulaski, in the State and District above mentioned, the said Court being a Court of Record, Established by Act of Assembly, and perceiving according to the course of the Common Law, personally appeared Thomas Seaton a pensioner, who upon being duly and legally sworn, Declared upon his Oath, that in the winter of 1776 or 7 he enlisted in the regular service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War; for and during the Term of three years, which Term he

fully and completely served out, and was discharged in Philadelphia, he further states on his Oath aforesaid That in the second year of his service, and at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] he was badly wounded by reason of which he was placed on the list of and among the invalids for the balance of his Term of Service, and was discharged by the Officer of the invalids at Philadelphia, that he enlisted in the Company commanded by Captain John Sims, in the Regiment of Colonel Stinson (alias Stephenson) and in the brigade of General George Weton [George Weedon]. That the Regiment aforesaid was a part of the Virginia line upon the Continental establishment, he stated on his Oath aforesaid, that he lost his discharge by reason of his house getting burned, And that he the said Thomas Seaton is upwards of 70 years of age.

S/ Thomas Seaton, X his mark

And the said Thomas Seaton on his Oath aforesaid states, that he is a Tiller of the ground, but not able to work much owing to his age and infirmities, that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule below signed by him (to wit) no land, no 4-footed Beast, except one cow, nothing owing to him and owes about \$50, he states that he has 2 children, Hannah about 27 years of age apart to herself, John about 24 next April lives apart to himself.

S/ Thomas Seaton

Sworn signed and declared before me John L Bridges Judge of the 12th Judicial District and Presiding Judge of the Pulaski Circuit Court, given under my hand this 31st day of October A.D. 1820

S/ John L Bridges

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Pulaski County Court Sct.

Schedule May Term 1821

Pulaski County Court Sct.

On this 28th day of May 1821 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for the said County established by the Constitution and Laws of Kentucky and having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the common law, Thomas Seton, aged 72 years, resident in Pulaski County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that in the winter of 1776 or 7 he enlisted in the regular service of the United States in the revolutionary War for and during the Term of three years which Term he fully and completely served out and was discharged in Philadelphia, he further states that on his Oath aforesaid that in the second year of his service and at the battle [of] Brandywine he was badly wounded by reason of which he was placed on the list of and among the invalids for the balance of his Term of service and was discharged by the Officer of the Invalids at Philadelphia that he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain John Sims in the Regiment of Colonel Stinson (alias) Stephenson and in the brigade of General George Weton that the Regiment aforesaid was part of the Virginia line upon Continental establishment that he has lost his discharge by reason of his house getting burned, and produced his Pension Certificate No. 6410.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed (to wit) no land, no stock of any description except one cow, nothing owing to him and owes upwards of \$50. He states that he has 2 children Hannah 27 years of age living to herself John 24 years old living to himself. He further this states his wife is 64 years old unable to support herself and that his Occupation if any he can be said to have, is a tiller of the ground.

S/ Thomas Seaton, X his mark

[Facts in file: Sometime between the end of the revolutionary war and about the year 1789, the soldier lived in Lincoln County, North Carolina; he moved from there about the year 1795 or 1796, to Lee County, Virginia, where he lived for some years. The veteran died either February 11, 1831 or 1833 in Wayne County Kentucky; the veteran married Sarah Arthur; the exact date of their marriage is not given but their daughter stated they were married in the year 1789 by a Justice of the Peace named Wilson; the widow died in Wayne County Kentucky April 16, 1843. Hannah Seaton was administrator of her mother's estate and in October 1856, Hannah gave her age as 62 years and a resident of Wayne County Kentucky. She makes reference to a brother John living at that time.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 29th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned in the amount of \$80 per month commencing March 4th, 1836.]