

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Seward (Seaward)¹ W9644 Martha f77VA
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State of Virginia Brunswick County Sct.

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Brunswick now sitting Joseph Seward a resident of Brunswick County and State of Virginia aged seventy-two 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated: That he was drafted as a Militia man in the year 1780, and served a tour of three months, in the company whereof Howell Eldridge was the Captain, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Fleming, General Muhlenberg was the commanding Officer, Colonels Boyce and Matthews also commanded regiments & I was discharged in April of the same year – In the year 1781 he served as a substitute for James Bass a tour of six weeks in a company commanded by Lawrence House [surname written over and unclear], and General Steuben was the commander-in-chief. That he served a tour of six weeks as a substitute for Jesse Jones in a company commanded by Thomas Maclin; and also at a tour six weeks under Captain ___ that he was at the siege of York Town at the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and was discharged at Fredericksburg after guarding the Prisoners to that place – That he resided in the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia at the time he went into service. The only battle he was in, Was at York Town, he was not out of the State of Virginia, never higher up than Lynchburg or lower down than York – That he knew General Lafayette by sight as one of the Regular Officers – That he has no documentary evidence of any time of service, but recollects that Joseph Maclin, Thomas Delbridge, David Walton [last name written over and unclear] and John Parish² of the County and State aforesaid who are now living were in the service with him. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Joseph Seward, X his mark

[John Pritchett, a clergyman, and John Parish gave the standard supporting affidavit .]

[f p. 7: On June 12, 1857 in Brunswick County Virginia, Martha Seward, 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1856 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Seward, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$24 per annum; that she married him

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September 2, 1824; that they were married by Edward Dromgoole, a Methodist Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Martha King; that her husband died in Brunswick County in August 1833.

Martha Seward]

[Facts in file: in 1867 the widow was living in Greenville County Virginia; she died August 28, 1868; in 1873, Lucy A Wills, 46, a resident of Brunswick County Virginia stated that she was the only surviving child of Joseph and Martha is Seward; Lucy stated that she was then a widow with 5 children but did not give their names.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 6 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]