Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Sewell S7471 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

James Sewell of Anarundel [sic: Anne Arundel] County Maryland represents and makes oath that on the 25th of May 1775 he enlisted in the 6th Regm't Maryland line under Capt [Henry] Dobson, Jno Egar Howard [John Eager Howard] being Colonel; and that he continued in said service as a private until the close of the war. He was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] – in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] at Camden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781]; and at the battle of Eutau Springs in September 1781 [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], where he was badly wounded, for and on account of which he was subsequently placed on the Invalid pension list of the United States, & which pension he has continued since to receive. He says he was born on the 16th of December 1758, & is now in his 75th year.

Sworn to & subscribed this 10 of May 1833 at the City of Washington James hisXmark Sewell

Land Office, Annapolis, May 14th 1833,

Sir, Yours of the 10^{th} Inst with the affidavit of James Sewell, inclosed, was received. In reply, I have to inform you, that on examination of the Muster rolls of the revolution, I find the name of one James Suel, who appears to have enlisted in the 6^{th} Maryland Regiment, in Captain Miles's Company on the 25^{th} of May 1778, for during the war, and was present on the 1^{st} of November 1780, — on the pay rolls his name is spelt Sewell; I presume it must be the same person, as I do not find the name of any other James Sewell or Suel, upon any of the rolls. — by the pay roll however, he does not appear to have received the Gratuity of \$80 - although paid up to the 15^{th} of November 1783, at which time the Army was disbanded. — I herewith send Certificates from each of the rolls, so that you may judge whether he is entitled or not — the affidavit is also herewith returned.

(In haste) I am very respectfully, Yr obt. Svt. George G. Brewer J. L. Edwards Esq'r [Commissioner of Pensions]

NOTE: An unsigned and undated note in the file states that Sewell was "wounded by a musket ball passing through both his thighs."