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*Searcy, John*

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Kentucky

Vol. Search  
of Benjamin in the State of Kentucky  
who was a private in the can <sup>commanded</sup>  
by Captain Shaw of the 1st <sup>commanded</sup>  
by Robertson in the Memphis  
line for 11 months & 16 days

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky  
at the rate of 38 Dollars & 3 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 6 day of Jan  
1835 and Henry B. Johnson

Arrears to the 1st of Sept 96.09

Semi-ant. allowance ending March 19.21

\$116.30

{ Revolutionary Claim  
Appt June 7, 1832

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S. C. Draper, June 22, 1861

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: { ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of John Searey Over County Kentucky

| Period of the claimant's service. | Duration of the claimant's service. |        |       | Rank of the claimant. | Names and rank of the Field Officers under whom he served. | Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service. | Proof by which the declaration is supported.           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                                   | Years.                              | Month. | Days. |                       |                                                            |                                                                 |                                                        |
| Draft 1780                        | 3                                   | -      | -     | private               | Capt Harris, Col Stephen Elmore, Major Malt,               | 70 years<br>Gidenville<br>County<br>St. Carolina                | Traditionary evidence - papers not properly attached - |
| Sub- " "                          | 2                                   | -      | -     | "                     | Genl Butler, Capt William                                  |                                                                 |                                                        |
| Entered April 1781                | 2                                   | -      | -     | "                     | Genl Green, Capt Daniel                                    |                                                                 |                                                        |
| Called out June 1781              | 2                                   | 16     | -     | "                     | Capt Garrison                                              |                                                                 |                                                        |
| Called out Feb 1782               | 1                                   | -      | -     | "                     | Capt Patterson, Col Blake                                  |                                                                 |                                                        |
| June 1782                         | -                                   | -      | -     | "                     | Capt Craig                                                 |                                                                 |                                                        |
| Seared                            | 1                                   | -      | -     | "                     | Col Blake, Capt Hazelrigg                                  |                                                                 |                                                        |
|                                   | 11                                  | 16     |       |                       |                                                            |                                                                 | Notice of later defect, Guilford County North,         |

I am, respectfully,

No amendment has been made in the within case in any respect since was returned to Mr. Searey. The papers should be authenticated as presented in note i.

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Kentucky  
Brown County

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1832 personally  
appeared before the Worshipful County  
Court of Brown County John  
Deary

John Deary a resident of Brown County  
and State of Kentucky aged seventy years  
in March last who being first duly  
sworn according to Law doth on his  
oath make the following declaration  
in order to obtain the benefit of the  
provision made by the Act of Congress  
that he entered the service of the United States when  
the following named officers were sworn as herein stated  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 1832 - That in the year  
1780 he was a resident of Granville County  
in the State of North Carolina that a draft  
took place and he was drafted in to ser-  
vice for the purpose of reinforcing the  
American troops in the city of Charleston  
then invested by the troops of Sir Henry  
Clinton to whom it was afterwards sur-  
rendered - which surrender took  
place before this deponent declared  
was mustered into service - that he was  
mustered into service pursuant to  
said draft or call and marched to

Hillsborough in the same State which was  
the place of Rendezvous - His Capt. was John  
Harris and his Lieutenant, ~~Charles~~ <sup>Charles</sup> Crofton  
His ensign was one Charles his thinks, Charles,  
on arriving at Hillsborough his company  
was attached to a Regiment command-  
ed by Col. Stephen Moore or More  
the Major's name was Nall - He does  
not think there was any Lieutenant  
Colonel with. if there was he has for-  
gotten his name - There had been  
considerable number of American  
troops scattered through the country  
some on their way to Charleston  
they all, or mostly, collected at Fayette-  
ville North-Carolina then called  
Crop Creek under the command of  
Brigadier General Caswell - To this  
place, Crop Creek, the Regiment of Col  
Moore including the company to  
which this Declarant belongs was  
marched the distance is not recollect-  
ed but was probably 150 miles - on arriving  
at that place we were attached to  
the troops forming Caswell's Brigade  
he was an officer of Militia and  
of excellent character for Bravery  
At the time of entering the service this  
Declarant was just turned off 17 years  
of age which was in the month of May  
or about the first days of June -  
From Crop Creek the troops were sent

Marched into Deale's Settlement where  
 provisions were more plenty (up the  
 country from Crook Creek) and upon  
 receiving intelligence that General  
 Gates was marching to the South  
 the troops under Cassell marched  
 in the direction of Camden as far  
 as the Cheraw Hills in North Carolina  
 on Great Pedee River & then halted  
 before leaving Deale's Settlement this Deale  
 -Grant was transferred from his company  
 of Light Infantry led by Capt. Harris to a company  
 of State Artillery commanded by Capt. Lamb-  
 ert - From the Cheraw Hills on Pedee River  
 the <sup>Brigade</sup> ~~Regiment~~ of Genl. Cassell progressed  
 on this march and in South Carolina  
 joined General Gates towards Camden  
 in the Woods - The whole Army consisting  
 as well as this Declaration recollects of  
 about 10,000<sup>men</sup> though he may be mistaken  
 marched on to Col. Moultrie's Mill  
 & encamped for 5 or 6 days - The Army  
 at the end of that period took up, in  
 the night, the line of march for Cam-  
 den distant about six miles and  
 was met by the British Army  
 perhaps half way between the two  
 places - A Skirmish then ensued but  
 the British shortly halted off and the

Americans rested upon their Arms - about  
or before sunrise the British again appeared  
and gave Battle which shortly became  
general along the line - in about an  
hour or an hour and a half the Amer-  
ican troops gave way and a general  
rout took place - This Declarant with  
some other of the Defeated troops collected  
at Charlottesville in Mecklenburg  
County North-Carolina and upon  
hearing that Genl. Sumpter had also  
been defeated by the British the troops  
so collected went on to Salisbury in  
North-Carolina but under no  
regular or specific command -  
and from Salisbury we went on to  
Hillsborough - At this place there being  
no officers to take command of  
the scattered troops the Governor of N.  
Carolina whose name was Nash  
gave furloughs to us and under a  
furlough from him this Declarant  
went home - This Declarant recollects  
while attached to the Army of General  
Gates his son in the Army General  
De Calb the Command amongst other  
troops the Virginia Regulars - He also  
recollects Col. Henry Dixon - He commanded  
a Regiment of Militia under Genl.

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Caswell - both of those were Regular  
officers - The Virginia Militia joined  
the Army of Gates the day before the  
Battle and this Declarant recollects  
amongst their officers General John  
Pugh Williams -

This Declarant had been drafted for a <sup>three</sup> ~~three~~  
months term but his term as was <sup>he thought</sup> the  
regulation then, did not commence  
till he would have crossed the border  
into South Carolina and in Sept<sup>r</sup>  
following Brigadier General John  
Butler of the Militia of North Car-  
olina was joined by the scattered troops  
whose time of service had not expired  
at Hillsborough at which place this  
Declarant under his former Capt.  
Harris again went into active ser-  
vice his term of three months not  
having expired - A new draft was  
ordered; and by an act of the legislature  
the term of draft was to commence  
from the time of Rendezvous at Hills-  
borough - before the troops under this  
draft had rendezvoused here.  
Butler with those that had joined  
him moved on to the Trading Ford  
upon the Adkin River within seven  
miles of Salisbury and then encamped.

until the new levys had joined became  
smaller the arrived  
At this place General Butler left the troops  
and directed that the troops which were  
then left to the command of Col. Stephen  
Moore and a Col. William Moore who  
commanded the new drafts and  
they marched on to New Providence where  
Genl. George Davidson with some British  
troops and Genl. David Morgan with  
his regular troops had made a stand  
- This declarant thinks that Genl. Davidson  
was a regular officer - He was a single  
man from the North end of Great  
Britain and was afterwards killed by  
the Tories in the following January or February  
upon the Catawba River -

At New Providence the time for which  
this declarant had been drafted expired  
and he entered into the ranks of the  
new drafts as a substitute for a  
certain Jeremiah Gardner - His Capt.  
was then William Gilliam and his  
Lieutenant was Isham Harrison

The Army continued in encampment  
at this place for sometime - during ~~the~~  
which Genl. Morgan with a detachment  
went to Rugeley's Mills and found a  
party of British and Tories with some  
officers in a block house grinding  
meal for the British Army at Cam-  
den - He drew up a pine log mounted

upon wheels like a piece of artillery and placed it before the Block-house and demanded the surrender thereof which was surrendered to him after a parley of fifteen minutes - The party of British & Tories this surrendered was commanded by Major Cooke - The prisoners were brought into camp and marched on to Salisbury under the ~~Command~~ Guard of Col. William Moores Regiment of drafted men (whose term was about to expire) and of which Regiment this Declarant was now one - This Declarant as well as the other troops was there discharged and went home - This man for whom this Declarant substituted had served nearly a month so that this Declarant served as a substitute upwards of two months and as a draft under the first call, three months, making a total service up to this period of above five months.

In the spring of 1781 (the month of April this Declarant thinks) Genl. Green having arrived in North Carolina dispatched a Col. Malmady a French officer to <sup>his</sup> ~~and~~ part of the Country with recruiting orders to raise a Regiment of Mounted Men to serve for two months in

order to scour the country & keep the Tories  
in check and to break up their nests  
wherever they could be found - And  
it was a stipulation that those who  
would so enlist for two months  
and equip themselves with horse  
& ~~other~~ apparatus should have a  
credit for three months pay - This  
declarant so enlisted & furnished his  
own horse and the regiment under-  
ground at Granville Court house  
Granville County being the County  
in which this declarant resided  
as before stated; From Granville Court  
House the Regiment took route through  
Orange, Guilford, Randolph & Chatham  
Counties in which Counties the Tories  
were very numerous - This declarant  
recalls that the Governor of North Car-  
olina was at Hillsborough with his suite  
his name was Burke - He had been  
a lawyer of long standing - The Tories  
assembled upon Haw & Rocky rivers  
to the amount of about 400 and  
during the night made an incu-  
sion into Hillsborough and carried  
off the Governor & perhaps some others  
and took them to Wilmington at the  
mouth of Cape Fear River where

the British Shipping lay & as this Declarant  
 under Hood he was detained a prisoner  
 on board a British vessel. This incident  
 took place according to the recollection of  
 this Declarant in the Autumn of 1781 -  
 — The Battle of the Clouds having taken  
 place at which Col. Tarleton was defeat-  
 ed by the American General Morgan  
 & many prisoners taken, this Declarant  
 thinks about 800. — Lord Cornwallis, on  
 the report was, pressed on from towards  
 the Trading ford of <sup>Adkin</sup> ~~the~~ River to rescue  
 the prisoners so taken by Morgan — (and  
 Genl. Greene being in his rout had  
 to retire before him and on this retreat  
 of General Greene the Regiment of  
 Mounted Men under Col. Milledore  
 joined him in the woods somewhere  
 between Guilford Court-house and  
 Dan River — Genl. Greene having strength-  
 ened himself by mustering as many  
 troops as he could obtain moved on  
 towards Guilford Court house and  
 there fell on <sup>awaited</sup> ~~an~~ Lord Cornwallis and  
 a General Engagement ensued.  
 After <sup>the battle had lasted some time</sup> ~~this~~ engagement Genl. Green with-  
 drew his troops to the <sup>(about 12 miles)</sup> ~~Iron Works on~~  
 Little Alamance Creek, and recruited

his troops and in a few days marched down upon Guilford Court House near which Cornwallis had been encamped - upon the approach of Green, Cornwallis ~~retreated~~ <sup>retreated</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>towards</sup> Warrington where the British shipping lay - Genl. Green pressed on rapidly after Cornwallis till the latter halted at Ramsay's Mills on Deep River and a short distance west from him, Green encamped - It was reported in the camp that Cornwallis who had a number of American prisoners sent word to Greene that if he pursued him any further he would put the American prisoners to death at all costs, Green did not for some reason pursue him any further -

A part of Col. Malruddy's Regiment was detached to Cross Creek now Fayetteville to destroy some American stores which were likely to fall into the hands of Cornwallis upon his retreat and the other part of the regiment with which was the declaration went to show the Tory dictation of the country - He was dispatched by his immediate officer John Williams Daniel ~~with~~ who was his Capt. to the County of Granville with an express

to Col. Joseph Taylor the commanding Col. of the County and whilst on that trip was discharged with an credit for two months service making upwards of seven months of total service - He recollects that Col. Washington & Col. Lee who both commanded Regiments of Dragoons did with their regiments constitute a part of Genl. Grimes Army & he often saw them -

In the summer of 1781 probably the month of August of that year another call was made of Militia for a three months tour when the declarant was drafted and mustered into service his Capt was Charles Faneuy - He lived still in Granville County and after the draft rendezvoused at Hillsborough Granville Court House. While there a Brigade or number of Ammunition waggons loaded for the South arrived and as it was necessary for them to have a guard by reason of danger from the Tories Faneuy's Company to which this declarant belonged was dispatched with the waggons for

that purpose and conveyed them to within  
two miles of Salisbury in Rowan County  
to a place called Frohanks Mills  
where a Sergeant and some soldiers  
preparing Cartridges for the army  
were stationed - He being thought neces-  
sary to strengthen the Guard over  
the Ammunition there deposited a  
Sergeant named Thomas Willbourn  
belonging to Capt Jancey's Company  
with a part of the men including  
this declarant was there stationed  
- He continued there for some time and  
before the term expired he was ~~taken~~  
~~sick and~~ permitted to return home (of  
~~his own~~) on furlough which he  
did and about two weeks after  
his return the term of service having  
expired he with those composing the  
draft were discharged

In the latter part of the year 1781 this  
Declarant emigrated to that part  
of the west then called the District  
of Kentucky and settled at Daniel  
Boones New Station two miles East  
of Lexington or about that distance  
in the County of Fayette - In

June 1782 a call for men was  
 made by the Government and  
 this Declarant went in obedience  
 to that call into service under  
 the Command of Capt Robert  
 Patterson of Lexington whose Company  
 was devoted to John Genl. George  
 Rogers Clarke <sup>Army or Part thereof</sup> at the Mouth of  
 the Kentucky River upon the Bank  
 of the Ohio - Genl. Clarke was him-  
 self stationed at the Falls of the River  
 and kept a Row Gallay or Barge with  
 a body of men on board sailing  
 up and down the River especially  
 in the neighborhood of the Mouths of  
 Licking to the Big Bend Creek to  
 protect the ~~settled~~ settlers in Kentucky  
 against the incursions of the Indians  
 from the North West - At the  
 Mouth of Kentucky we met the  
 Row Gallay having then on board  
 a number of regular soldiers  
 and two of regular officers Capt  
 George and Capt Piatt or Peatt  
 their Christian names were not  
 known to this Declarant or if known  
 to him he has forgotten them  
 - The Gallay proceeded up the river

to the mouth of Big Bone Creek  
- We lay there about a week and  
were informed that a Body of Indians  
about 150 in Number were lying  
at a place called Mills Town in the  
interior on the north <sup>west</sup> side of the  
River but the river being low and  
it being supposed to be an unprofitable  
campaign the Gallery returned to  
Louisville after discharging Capt  
Battersays Company - This company  
of which this Declarant was one made  
their way home through the wilderness  
and was discharged - ~~During~~ <sup>During</sup> the  
this Declarant does not recollect of or what  
period he was ordered out and he is  
impressed that no distinct period  
was fixed but in this he may be  
mistaken - He recollects however that  
he was out for about one month  
- Shortly after his return as before stated  
he joined the inhabitants living near  
Bryants Station about five miles north  
East of Lexington - This station seemed  
to be under the Command of John  
Craig who was styled "Capt" but  
the Declarant thinks that he was  
not in command but of this  
he knows nothing certain - On the  
16th August same year (1782) a Body

of Indians under the command of  
 Simon Girty and Col. McKee  
 appeared before the Fort and demanded  
 a surrender after having first made  
 a very violent assault and attempted  
 to take the Fort by storm - The attack  
 was renewed and continued about twenty  
 four hours when the assailants withdrew  
 - The number of Indians was supposed  
 to be about five hundred and after  
 the attack on the fort they withdrew to  
 wards the Blue Licks and within a  
 few days they were followed by a  
 body of Whites under the command  
 of Col. John Todd, Stephen Trigg &  
 Daniel Boone - The Battle of the  
 Blue Licks shortly took place and  
 Col. Todd & Trigg were killed ~~as was~~  
 This declarant was not one of the party  
 that followed the Indians - he received  
 a wound or rather violent bruise  
 upon one of his feet by the fall  
 of a heavy piece of timber during  
 the attack of the Indians upon the  
 fort as before mentioned which  
 wholly disabled him for a time  
 from walking - In the attack  
 upon the Fort John Frederick  
 Mitchell and John Adkins were  
 killed in the Fort and James Mc  
 Connell and Charles Hunter were

killed on the outside of the fort. There  
two rows of a party of about 40 men  
that came from Lexington to the  
relief of the Fort of which only  
sixteen got ~~in~~ the inside except  
those killed were driven back

In October 1782 - This battle  
was generally called out to ~~be~~ for  
General George Rogers Clarke upon  
the North West Bank of the Ohio  
River ~~up~~ opposite the mouth  
of Licking - This Declarant was  
one of those who attended the call and  
he with the army proceeded under  
the Command of General Clarke  
to the Shawnee towns on the Big  
Miami River 86 miles from where  
the army started - There was no general  
engagement only some mighty shell  
-crashes - We burnt ten Indian  
towns - The most of the Indians it  
was understood were out hunting  
after somewhat less than a month  
~~above~~ across the River we returned  
to the point from where we left  
the river and the militia were  
then sent home - This Declarant  
was upon this occasion commanded

by Capt Charles Hazelrigg - Capt Wm  
 McConnell from Lexington and  
 Capt John Constant from Strodes  
 Station was out upon this campaign  
 - We were in service above a month  
 but how long precisely is not recol-  
 -led by this Declarant - Some five  
 weeks after the attack on Bryants Station  
 this Declarant went to Boones Station  
 to live and from that place went  
 out under Capt. Hazelrigg as before  
 mentioned And this was the last campaign  
 of this Declarant till the Treaty of Peace  
 between the United States and Great  
 Britain - This Declarant further  
 states that he has no documentary  
 evidence and that he knows of no  
 person whose testimony he can pro-  
 cure who can testify to his service  
 - 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 ager-  
 -cy of any State. -  
 Given to and subscribed  
 the day and year aforesaid  
 J. J. S. S. S.

Wm. Tobias Hillbrite a Clergyman  
 residing in the County of Green

Interrogatories put by the Court

1 Where and in what year were you born - Ans: I was born in the State of North Carolina Granville County in the year 1762

2 Have you any record of your age  
Yip so where etc

Ans: I have no record of my age

My Father had a record of my age which I often saw and well recollect what it stated but it has long since been lost

3 Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where have you now live  
Ans I lived when called into service originally in North Carolina Granville County - I moved to Ky. in 1781 Fayette County thence to Woodford - thence to Madison County - thence to Clarke County thence again to Woodford County thence to Gallatin I now live in Owen which since his removal was formed including part of Gallatin & his residence

4 How were you called into service  
were you drafted - did you volunteer  
or were you a substitute - and if  
a substitute for whom -

Ans: I was originally drafted  
- I once substituted for Jeremiah  
Gardner - and volunteered under  
Col. Mulmudy as stated

5 State the names of some of the  
regular officers who were with  
the troops when you served -  
such Continental and Militia  
regiments as you can recollect  
and the general circumstances  
of your service -

Ans: I recollect Col. Henry Dixon  
Col. ~~Armstrong~~ (as he was called) He  
commanded regulars & also Col. Dixon  
- I recollect Genl. Gates - Genl.  
Morgan - Genl. Green Col.  
Lee - Col. Washington - I

recollect the regiments as before  
stated - I recollect that the Tories  
were very abundant in the  
South - and that ~~Col.~~ General  
Davidson was killed by the Tories  
on the Catawba River

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The first campaign I was in was  
under Genl. Casswell and the  
last under General Clarke -  
When we burnt the Shawnee  
towns -

6 Did you ever receive a discharge  
from the service - if you did by whom  
was it given and what has become  
of it Ans? I received while in  
service in the South discharges ~~from~~  
from the Colonels commanding me  
except when on Fairbough - but  
in Kentucky never any discharge  
but by word of mouth - My discharges  
are long since lost

7 State the names of persons to whom  
you are known in your neighbor-  
hood and who can testify to your  
character for veracity and their belief  
of your services as a soldier of the  
revolution - Ans? I am known to  
Tobias Millholl <sup>a clergyman</sup>, John McLibney, Lt. Jones & John  
Garnett -

July 23, 1931.

Mr. J. W. Stewart  
402 Kenilworth Court  
Lexington, Kentucky.

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section  
ANF:ILL

Dear Sir:

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 31355, that John Seagrave was born in March, 1762, in Granville County, North Carolina.

While residing in said Granville County, he enlisted and served as a private with the North Carolina troops as follows: in 1780, three months in Captains Isham Harris' and Samuel Ash's Companies, Colonel Stephen Moore's Regiment; later in 1780, two months in Captain William Gilliam's Company, Colonel William Moore's Regiment, and was in the battle of Camden; in the spring of 1781, two months in Captain John Williams Daniel's Company, and was in the battle of Guilford; from August, 1781, three months in Captain Charles Yancy's Company.

Late in 1781, he moved to Kentucky and settled at "Daniel Boone's New Station", in Fayette County; in June, 1782, he served one month in Captain Robert Patterson's Company at Bryant's Station and was wounded in the foot when the Indians attacked the Station; in October, 1782, one month in Captain Charles Hazelrigg's Company, and marched to the Shawnee Towns, burned some of them and was in several skirmishes with the Indians.

He was allowed pension on his application antedated October 1, 1832, at which time he was living in Owen County, Kentucky.

There are no data relative to his family.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER,  
Assistant to Administrator.