

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Service records relating to John Slaughter VAS1753

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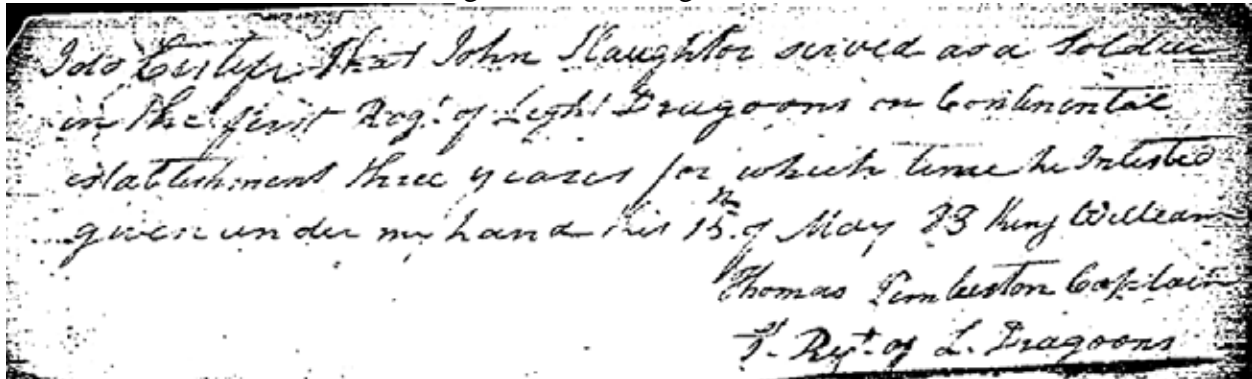
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> of May 83 King William

S/ Thomas Pemberton Captain

1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of L. Dragoons



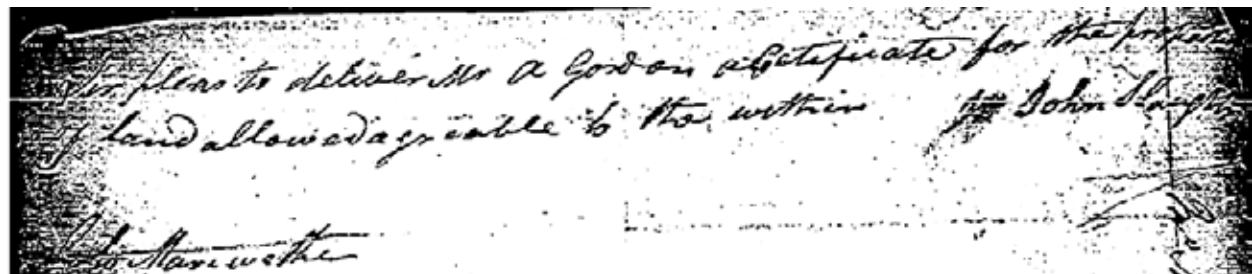
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[in another file]

[A Certified copy of the certificate dated May 15, 1783 given by Thomas Pemberton above]

[reverse]

To Col. Thomas Mariwether Sir Pleas to deliver to James Fears [could be Sears] my Land Warrant that is Due to me for My Service in the Army of the United States of America  
February 9, 1788

S/ Thomas Slaughter, X his mark

Attest Calvin Sawyer

[another file]

John Slaughter of the County of York came before me William Coleman magistrate for the City of Williamsburg and made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God. That he was a Soldier during three years of the Revolutionary War, and served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment of Cavalry at 1<sup>st</sup> commanded by Col. Bland [Theodoric Bland], then by Col. Temple [Benjamin Temple], and at the time of his discharge by Col. White [Anthony Walton White]; that during all the time of his service he belonged to the company of Capt. Thomas Pemberton.

That it was about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1778 when he enlisted, and was discharged after having performed the three years of duty for which he had enlisted on or about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781. That he was promised when he enlisted for the three years service besides his regular pay, a bounty of one hundred Acres of land; and which was in so little estimation at the time of his discharge that he was told it would cost him five shillings and three pence to get his title papers printed &c and at the same time he was only offered one dollar for it by those persons who were purchasing soldiers' lands. That from these causes he did not get his land warrant for the Bounty to which he was entitled, not having applied for the same: and he was further told, that those then purchasing soldiers' land that the land were then in the possession of the Indians and that they would be to be fought for, before they can be obtained. The said Slaughter further states that he was discharged at Raccoon Ford in this State after his time of service expired and received his regular discharge signed as he supposes by the proper officer; that some two or three years thereafter or more he unluckily lost out of his pocket on the road between Richmond and the new Bridge his Pocket Book in which was his certificate of discharge and also his certificate for balance of pay to the amount of one hundred pounds, which he has totally lost, never having gotten the same renewed: and he is uninformed whether the certificate was ever found, and whether any application by was anyone that has been made for payment of it from the State. On the certificate he had drawn interest, nearly up to the time he lost it. The said Slaughter further states that since the time of his discharge, he had not applied for the bounty land because he did not know that he would be permitted to draw it having lost his certificate of discharge & he was informed that Capt. Pemberton under whom he had served had some years past removed into the Western Country but what part of it this deponent is not informed & he supposes that it would be essentially necessary to the success of any application he was to make, that it should be accompanied with a certificate from Capt. Pemberton, of the time of his service and regular discharge.

He now prays that he may be permitted to receive his bounty of Land.

S/ John Slaughter, X his mark

Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1819

S/ Wm Coleman

[Henry Buchanan<sup>1</sup> of York County maketh oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that he was a soldier in the same troop of Horse commanded by Col. Thomas Pemberton, in which John

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<sup>1</sup> [Henry Buchanan S37807](#)

Slaughter served, that he well remembers the said Slaughter as a soldier, and served with him nearly 3 years. The said Slaughter he found in the company when he enlisted, and he was discharged not long before this deponent was himself discharged--and therefore he thinks the foregoing statement of service made by the said Slaughter is correct and true.

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1819 Sworn to before me

S/ Henry Howard, JP

*Henry Buchanan*

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