

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Joseph Slaughter VAS4470
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 10th day of August 1784, in the name of Joseph Slaughter as a Lieut of Infantry for £111.7.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr Broadhead and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23rd day of May 1834.
Joseph Jackson Clk AUDITORS Off

Petition for Bounty land

Joseph Slaughter Lieut. Illinois Regt.

This Officers name is on the army Register. He received a certificate for £111.7.8 the bal. of his full pay, for services prior to Jan'y 1st 1782 (see Auditors Cert.)

There is in the 1st auditors office a document which purports to be "A list of officers serving in the Illinois department, who have received certificates &c in full of their pay &c up to the last of Decr 1781." [<http://revwarapps.org/b123.pdf>] The name of Lieut. Joseph Slaughter is on this document. This list shews a bal. due Lieut Slaughter of £111.7.8 the sum for which he receiv'd the above mentioned certificate.

Joseph Slaughter was Lieut. in Captain Benjamin Roberts' [S31343] company of Infantry. He was commission'd Decr 22nd 1779 – among the Illinois Payrolls, there is but one, of Roberts' Company – the others have been lost or destroyed. In that payroll Joseph Slaughter is named as Lieut com'd Decr 22 1779, and as absent without leave Decr 27th 1781.

Capt. Benjamin Roberts receiv'd 4000 acres of land for the war. His Commission bears the same date with Jos. Slaughters. Ensign or Lieut Wm Roberts [William Roberts1 R17484], of the same Company, receiv'd a part of his bounty land. (the remainder is now due) – his commission bore date Sept 7th 1780, nine months after the date of Slaughters Commission. The presumption therefore is very strong, that Roberts Company served to the end of the war. In truth, it is certain they did; for Roberts receivd land for a service to the end of the war.

The report of Slaughter's absence without leave cannot prejudice the claim.

I have reported the claim good, for a service of 3 years, in printed list No 2.

To his Exc'y Govr Tazewell

Resply submitted

John H Smith Com'r &c

May 28th 1834

To the Honorable Executive of Virginia

The heirs of Lieut Joseph Slaughter of the State line of the revolutionary army most respectfully ask that they may be allowed the quantity of land which his services entitle them to as Lieutenant & as proof of service they refer to the records of the Auditors office, & the pay rolls of the Illinois Regiment which the Commissioner of land claims Mr John H Smith has reported the s'd Slaughter entitled to land.

I respectfully submit this claim to the Executive/ G H Todd Atty for the heirs

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