

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Slankard R9648

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State of Illinois Pope County: Sct: Pope County court June Term A.D. 1851

Be it remembered that on this third day of June A.D. 1851 Personally appeared before George W Waters presiding Judge of the County Court in and for the County of Pope and State of Illinois (the same being a Court of record having and exercising common law jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount with a seal and a clerk during the sitting of said Court) George Slankard a resident citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-nine years the 4th day of May A.D. 1851, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th May 1818 [sic] and the first of May 1820: that he the said George Slankard volunteered as a private for the term of three months sometime in June A.D. 1780 at __ in the County of Lincoln (or Linkhorn) in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain (does not recollect name) in the North Carolina Militia commanded by General Rutherford on the Continental Establishment¹, that after he joined the Army he was selected and chosen by General Rutherford as his servant or waiter that he continued to serve in said Court against the common enemy until sometime in the middle of August 1780, the defeat of the American Army at or near Camden under General Gates, that he himself was in said Battle, that General Rutherford was taken prisoner, and he himself narrowly escaped the same, the Army being completely defeated with great loss, he succeeded after a time in making his escape and getting home, that he served faithfully during the whole time of his service up to the defeat aforesaid and was Honorably discharged from the service his written discharge if he had any, he has lost it or at least he has no recollection what became of it.

He knows of no person now living by whom he could prove his services as aforesaid. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State nor has any pension heretofore been allowed him and that the following all the reasons for not having made earlier application for a pension to wit That I did not know until very lately that I could possibly obtain a pension, my extreme old age and ability etc. has confined me close at home, and my poverty required all my efforts to make a living so that for some years I have not mingled with the world, and as stated before it is but

¹ Griffith Rutherford never held a commission as a Continental officer. He was commissioned as a militia officer by the State of North Carolina.

lately that I was induced from information received to make this application for a pension this is the reason why I did not make earlier application.

My occupation is that of a farmer but from advanced age and bodily infirmity I have the, unable to pursue it any longer so as to provide a subsistence for myself and family consisting of health and wife who is now 80 years of age and having but little capacity to contribute to our mutual support and my circumstances have become so indigent that I am fearful that we would not be able to provide ourselves with the common necessities of life unless we should be relieved by timely assistance from my country and in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th day of March 1818 and as well as I can now recollect the following changes have been made in my property to wit. The property in my possession 18th of March 1818 and not now owned by me was for cows & calves, and 2 or 3 horses some household & kitchen furniture all of which died or was worn out and used or otherwise destroyed according to the course of nature in my family for support etc.. I further swear that I do not now know any living person by whom I could prove my service in the war as aforesaid. I was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania my father afterwards moved to Fredericksburg in the State of Maryland where we lived for a time and then moved to Trion [sic, Tryon] afterwards Lincoln County in North Carolina from where I entered the service. I have nothing else but my own oath to offer and the testimony of the most respectable men of Pope County as to my character for veracity and truth, many of whom have known me over 30 years.

Sworn to and declared in open Court this 3rd day of June A.D. 1851

S/ Jno. Raum [?], Clk

S/ George Slankard, X his mark

a schedule containing the whole amount of the estate and income of George Slankard of the County of Pope and State of Illinois (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) on the 3rd day of June A.D. 1851 made in pursuance of the act of Congress of the first of May 1820

Description of property	value
One mare	\$50
2 cows	15
14 head hogs	25
one table	4
5 split bottom chairs	1.25
one old clock (not going)	3.00
one chest	1.00
other household & kitchen furniture	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$109.25

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court the 3rd day of June A.D. 1851

Attest: Jno. Raum, Clk

S/ George Slankard, X his mark

[William W King, and William McCurdy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 17: letter dated May 15, 1854, sent from Golconda, Pope County Illinois by Jacob

Slankard, son of the veteran, in which Jacob states his father died in September 1852, but his mother still survives and needs the pension due his father; that the name of his father's captain was John Adams Smith of the NC militia; that his father spelled his named Shlankar or Slinkard, a Dutch name, that now the name is Slankard; that his father had two cousins in the same Company with him, Peter and William Snyder, all of Lincoln County.]